

# **Osteopathic Licensure Requirements by State**

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## **Alabama**

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### **Alabama Requirements**

#### ***Qualifications of applicants.***

The following constitute the requirements for the issuance of a certificate of qualification for a license to practice medicine in this state:

#### **MEDICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT.**

All applicants for a certificate of qualification shall present a diploma or evidence of graduation from any of the following institutions:

- A college of medicine or school of medicine accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association.
- A college of osteopathy accredited by the American Osteopathic Association.
- A college of medicine or school of medicine not accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education which is approved by the Board of Medical Examiners. The board may, within its discretion, withhold approval of any college of medicine not designated in either a., or b., above which:
  - Has had its accreditation withdrawn by a national or regional accreditation organization; or
  - Has had its authorization, certification, or licensure revoked or withdrawn by a national or regional governmental supervisory agency; or
  - Has been denied approval or has had its approval withdrawn by any national, state, or territorial licensing jurisdiction based upon an evaluation of the college of medicine or upon a finding of misconduct by the college; or
  - The board has determined, has engaged in fraudulent, criminal, or other practices which are inconsistent with quality medical education.

#### **POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION REQUIREMENT.**

Applicants for a certificate of qualification who graduated from a college of medicine accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association or a college of osteopathy accredited by the American Osteopathic Association shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has completed one year of postgraduate or residency training in any of the following programs:

- A program listed in the directory of approved residency training programs published by the American Medical Association.

- A program accredited by the American Osteopathic Association.
- A program accredited by the Accreditation Committee of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
- A program accredited by the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

All other applicants for a certificate of qualification who graduated from a college of medicine not accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association or a college of osteopathy not accredited by the American Osteopathic Association shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has completed three years of postgraduate or residency training in any of the following programs:

- A program listed in the directory of approved residency training programs published by the American Medical Association.
- A program accredited by the American Osteopathic Association.
- A program accredited by the Accreditation Committee of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
- A program accredited by the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

## **EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS.**

Applicants for a certificate of qualification shall achieve a passing score as determined by the Board of Medical Examiners on any of the examinations listed below:

- The United States Medical Licensing Examination.
  - Applicants who are not dual degree candidates as specified in subparagraph (3)a.2. below shall have achieved a passing score on Step 3 in not more than three administrations, except that the board may approve one additional attempt to pass Step 3 after demonstration by the applicant of additional educational experience acceptable to the board. Applicants who are not dual degree candidates shall have passed Steps 1, 2, and 3 within a seven-year period and shall not have attempted to pass Steps 1, 2, and 3 a combined total of more than 10 times.
  - Applicants who are not dual degree candidates as specified in subparagraph (3)a.2. below and who are currently board certified by one or more of the specialty boards recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association shall not be required to pass Steps 1, 2, and 3 in the time period as set forth in subparagraph (3)a.1.(i) above, however, these applicants shall still be limited to a combined total of 10 attempts to pass Steps 1, 2, and 3 as set forth in subparagraph (3)a.1.(i) above.

Applicants who are dual degree candidates, pursuing the M.D. or D.O. degree and the Ph.D degree in a field of biological sciences approved by the board in its rules, shall have achieved a passing score on Step 3 in not more than three administrations, except that the board may approve one additional attempt to pass Step 3 after demonstration by the applicant of additional educational experience acceptable to the board. Applicants who are dual degree candidates shall have completed Steps 1, 2, and 3 within a 10-year period except that the board may approve,

within its discretion and at the request of the applicant, a longer period not to exceed 15 years. The time period for completion of Steps 1, 2, and 3 begins when the applicant initially passes his or her first step. The board shall not accept scores from a reexamination of a previously passed step of the USMLE.

- The Federation Licensing Examination.
- The National Board of Medical Examiners Examination.
- The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners Examination or its successor examination.
- The Licensing Medical Council of Canada Examination.

Any other examination which is currently approved or which may later be approved by the Board of Medical Examiners and which examines in the following branches of medical learning: General medicine, surgery, obstetrics, gynecology, preventive medicine, jurisprudence, and any other branches as the board may require.

Beginning January 1, 2000, the following requirements shall apply:

- All applicants for initial licensure by examination shall achieve a passing score, as determined by the Board of Medical Examiners, on the United States Medical Licensing Examination or the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners Examination or its successor examination.
- Applicants by endorsement licensed in another state, the District of Columbia, a territory of the United States, or a province of Canada who completed any one of the licensing examinations listed above prior to January 1, 2000, are eligible for licensure upon proof of a passing score of such examination.
- Applicants by endorsement licensed in another state or the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States, or a province of Canada whose licensing examination was completed after January 1, 2000, shall achieve a passing score, as determined by the Board of Medical Examiners, on the United States Medical Licensing Examination or the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners Examination or its successor examination.
- The board may establish by regulation acceptable combinations of the Federation Licensing Examination, National Board of Medical Examiners Examination, and/or United States Medical Licensing Examination through January 1, 2000, in satisfaction of the examination requirement for a certificate of qualification.

#### **APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION FEE REQUIREMENT.**

Payment in advance to the board of the required application fee or examination fee, or both, in amounts as established in the regulations of the board.

#### **CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK.**

In addition to other requirements established by law and for the purpose of determining an applicant's suitability for a certificate of qualification for a license to practice medicine, each

applicant shall submit to a criminal history background check. Each applicant shall submit a complete set of fingerprints to the State Board of Medical Examiners. The board shall submit the fingerprints provided by each applicant for a certificate of qualification for a license to practice medicine to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI). The fingerprints shall be forwarded by the ABI to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a national criminal history record check. Costs associated with conducting a criminal history background check shall be borne by the applicant. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall keep information received pursuant to this section confidential, except that such information received and relied upon in denying the issuance of a certificate of qualification for a license to practice medicine in this state may be disclosed as may be necessary to support the denial.

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINATION FOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS.**

- All applicants who have not passed a written state licensing examination, the examination given by the National Board of Medical Examiners, the United States Medical Licensing Examination, the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners Examination, the examination given by the Licensing Medical Council of Canada, the Special Purpose Examination, or the Federation Licensing Examination within 10 years immediately preceding the date of the application shall either:
  - Achieve a passing score on the Special Purpose Examination.
  - Be certified by or achieve a passing score on a recertification examination given by one of the specialty boards approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or one of the specialty boards approved by the American Osteopathic Association within 10 years immediately preceding the date of the application.
- All applicants who graduated from a college of medicine not accredited by the Liaison Committee of Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association shall achieve a certification given by the Education Council for Foreign Medical Graduates.
- Administration of examinations by the board.
  - Applicants for a certificate of qualification who are applying for initial licensure in the State of Alabama, and who meet all qualifications for administration of Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination are eligible to take the United States Medical Licensing Examination in Alabama.
  - The following individuals are eligible to take the Special Purpose Examination in Alabama:
    - a. Applicants who are applying for licensure in Alabama who are required to take the examination under another provision of this section.
    - b. Individuals required to take the examination pursuant to an order or directive of the State Board of Medical Examiners or the Medical Licensure Commission.
- Any individual eligible to take the Special Purpose Examination pursuant to paragraph a. or b. of subdivision (2) who has not achieved a passing score within three administrations shall no longer be eligible to take the Special Purpose Examination.

Administrative requirements for examination by the board.

- Each applicant shall pay an examination fee as established by the board for each administration of the required examination. The examination fee is not returnable to an unsuccessful applicant.
- Examinations administered by the board may be given in Montgomery or at any other location determined by the board.
- Applicants who are required to take the Special Purpose Examination or the United States Medical Licensing Examination administered by the board shall, in addition to the other requirements of this section, be eligible to sit for and take the examination under the rules established by the organization which created the examination.
- The board may enter into personal service contracts with individuals, firms, or corporations for the administration of any examination required by this section.
- The board shall keep complete records of all examinations conducted, giving the name, age, residence, college, date of graduation of the applicant examined, and the results of the examination. These records shall be open to public inspection.
- The board shall establish by rule or regulation the passing score for all examinations administered by it under this section

Please visit [Alabama Medical Practice Act](#) for more information.

## Alaska

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### Alaska Requirements

#### **Sec. 08.64.205. Qualifications for osteopath applicants.**

Each osteopath applicant shall meet the qualifications prescribed in AS 08.64.200(a)(3) – (5) and shall

- submit a certificate of graduation from the legally chartered school of osteopathy approved by the board;
- submit a certificate from a hospital approved by the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association that certifies that the osteopath has satisfactorily completed and performed the duties of intern or resident physician for
  - one year if the applicant graduated from a school of osteopathy before January 1, 1995, as evidenced by a certificate of completion of the first year of postgraduate training from the facility where the applicant completed the first year of internship or residency; or
  - two years if the applicant graduated from a school of osteopathy on or after January 1, 1995, as evidenced by a certificate of completion of the first year of postgraduate training from the facility where the applicant completed the first year of internship or residency and a certificate of successful completion of one additional year of postgraduate training at a recognized hospital;
- take the examination required by AS 08.64.210 or be certified to practice by the National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons or by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners;
- receive education in pain management and opioid use and addiction, unless the applicant has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant does not currently hold a valid federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration number; an applicant may include past professional experience or professional education as proof of professional competence

Please visit [Medical Statutes](#) for more information.

## **Arizona**

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### **Arizona Requirements**

#### **32-1822. Qualifications of applicant; application; fingerprinting; fees**

- On a form and in a manner prescribed by the board, an applicant for licensure shall submit proof that the applicant:
  - Is the person named on the application and on all supporting documents submitted.
  - Is a citizen of the United States or a resident alien.
  - Is a graduate of a school of osteopathic medicine approved by the American osteopathic association.
  - Has successfully completed an approved internship, the first year of an approved multiple-year residency or a board-approved equivalency.
  - Has passed the approved examinations for licensure within seven years of application or has the board-approved equivalency of practice experience.
  - Has not engaged in any conduct that, if it occurred in this state, would be considered unprofessional conduct or, if the applicant has engaged in unprofessional conduct, is rehabilitated from the underlying conduct.
  - Is physically, mentally and emotionally able to practice medicine, or, if limited, restricted or impaired in the ability to practice medicine, consents to contingent licensure pursuant to subsection E of this section or to entry into a program prescribed in section 32-1861.
  - Is of good moral character.
  - Beginning September 1, 2017, has submitted a full set of fingerprints to the board for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal records check pursuant to section 41-1750 and Public Law 92-544. The department of public safety may exchange this fingerprint data with the federal bureau of investigation.
- An applicant must submit with the application the nonrefundable application fee prescribed in section 32-1826 and pay the prescribed license issuance fee to the board at the time the license is issued.
- The board or the executive director may require an applicant to submit to a personal interview, a physical examination or a mental evaluation or any combination of these, at the applicant's expense, at a reasonable time and place as prescribed by the board if the board determines that this is necessary to provide the board adequate information regarding the applicant's ability to meet the licensure requirements of this chapter. An



interview may include medical knowledge questions and other matters that are relevant to licensure.

- The board may deny a license for any unprofessional conduct that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to this chapter or as determined by a competent domestic or foreign jurisdiction.
- The board may issue a license that is contingent on the applicant entering into a stipulated order that may include a period of probation or a restriction on the licensee's practice.
- The executive director may issue licenses to applicants who meet the requirements of this section.
- A person whose license has been revoked, denied or surrendered in this or any other state may apply for licensure not sooner than five years after the revocation, denial or surrender.
- A license issued pursuant to this section is valid for the remainder of the calendar year in which it was issued, at which time it is eligible for renewal

Please visit [Arizona State Legislature](#) for more information.

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### Arkansas Requirements

#### **17-91-101. Osteopathic Physician – Licensing Requirementd**

- The Arkansas State Medical Board shall accept for licensure by examination any person who:
  - At least 21 years of age
  - Is a citizen of the United States
  - Is of good moral character
  - Has not been guilty of acts defined in the Arkansas Medical Practice Act 17-95-201.
  - Is a graduate of an osteopathic college of medicine whose course of study has been recognized by the Department of Education of the American Osteopathic Association
  - Has completed a one-year internship in a hospital approved by the American Medical Association
- Applicants for such a licensure shall pay the fees required by the Arkansas Medical Practice Act

#### **17-91-102 Examination**

- The examination given to the applicant shall be:
  - The same examination given to all other applicants for medical licensure
  - Given at the same time and place as the examination given to other applicants
  - Graded as all other examinations
- The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners develops examinations for licensure of osteopathic physicians

#### **17-91-103 Effect of Licensing**

- The license issued to a person meeting the qualifications set out in this chapter and successfully passing the examination shall be the same license to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Arkansas as is regularly issued by the Arkansas State Medical

Board and shall entitle the holder thereof to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Arkansas.

Please visit [Arkansas Medical Board](#) for more information.

## **California**

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### **California Requirements**

#### **ARTICLE 4. Requirements for Licensure [2080 - 2099]**

Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of this article applicable to applications generally shall apply to all certificates issued.

Every applicant for a physician's and surgeon's certificate shall comply with the requirements of this article unless other specific requirements of this chapter are applicable to a particular class of applicant.

*(Added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1313, Sec. 2.)*

#### **2081.**

Each application shall be made upon a form provided by the Division of Licensing, and each application form shall contain a legal verification to be signed by the applicant verifying under penalty of perjury that the information provided by the applicant is true and correct and that any information in supporting documents provided by the applicant is true and correct.

*(Amended by Stats. 1986, Ch. 220, Sec. 8. Effective June 30, 1986.)*

#### **2082.**

Each application shall include the following:

- A diploma issued by an approved medical school. The requirements of the school shall have been at the time of granting the diploma in no degree less than those required under this chapter or by any preceding medical practice act at the time that the diploma was granted. In lieu of a diploma, the applicant may submit evidence satisfactory to the board of having possessed the same.
- An official transcript or other official evidence satisfactory to the board showing each approved medical school in which a resident course of professional instruction was pursued covering the minimum requirements for certification as a physician and surgeon, and that a diploma and degree were granted by the school.
- Other information concerning the professional instruction and preliminary education of the applicant as the board may require.
- Proof of passage of the written examinations as provided under Article 9 (commencing with Section 2170) with a score acceptable to the board.

- Proof of satisfactory completion of the postgraduate training required under Section 2096 on a form approved by the board.
- An affidavit showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant is the person named in each diploma and transcript that he or she submits, that he or she is the lawful holder thereof, and that the diploma or transcript was procured in the regular course of professional instruction and examination without fraud or misrepresentation.
- Either fingerprint cards or a copy of a completed Live Scan form from the applicant in order to establish the identity of the applicant and in order to determine whether the applicant has a record of any criminal convictions in this state or in any other jurisdiction, including foreign countries. The information obtained as a result of the fingerprinting of the applicant shall be used in accordance with Section 11105 of the Penal Code, and to determine whether the applicant is subject to denial of licensure under the provisions of Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) and Section 2221.

Please visit [California Legislative Information](#) for more information.

## Colorado

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### Colorado Requirements

Colorado statutes (Section 12-36-107) set forth minimum qualifications for physician licensure. These requirements include:

- proof of graduation from medical school, passage of nationally recognized exams,
- satisfactory completion of postgraduate education, and submission of reference letters from previous practice locations.
- CMB staff verifies the license status of new applicants, search for disciplinary action taken by other state agencies, federal agencies and medical boards, and then forward the applications to the Board for review.
- The CMB uses this information to carefully screen physicians seeking licensure in Colorado. In the opinion of the Board, it is much easier, effective, and beneficial to the public to refuse an applicant who does not meet these criteria or possesses uncertain training or competence, than it is to later remove the license due to poor medical practice.
- The vast majority of applicants, however, are approved by the Board and licensed within 60 days of receipt of their application materials. The Board licenses 800 to 1,000 new physicians each year.
- The Medical Board does NOT routinely grant waivers of the postgraduate training requirement. Only under very special and well documented circumstances will the candidate for licensure be presented to the Board for consideration if all requirements are not met. Please contact a licensing specialist for additional information on this topic.

Please visit [Colorado Medical Board](#) for more information.

## **Connecticut**

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### **Connecticut Requirements**

In order to be eligible for Connecticut physician licensure, all applicants must have:

- Graduated with the M.D. or D.O. degree from a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education ([LCME](#)) or the American Osteopathic Association ([AOA](#));
- Completed at least two (2) years of progressive, post-graduate medical training as a resident physician in a program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education ([ACGME](#)) or the American Osteopathic Association ([AOA](#));
- Successfully completed one of the following examinations:
  - A State Board Licensing examination completed prior to June 1, 1979;
  - United States Licensing Examination ([USMLE](#));
  - National Board of Medical Examiners ([NBME](#));
  - Federation Licensing Examination ([FLEX](#));
  - National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners ([NBOME](#));
  - The examination required to become registered as a Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada ([LMCC](#)); or
  - An acceptable combination as outlined below if completed prior to 2000:

NBME Part I or USMLE Step 1

plus

NBME Part II or USMLE Step 2

plus

NBME Part III or USMLE Step 3

FLEX Component 1

plus

## USMLE Step 3

NBME Part I or USMLE Step 1

plus

NBME Part II or USMLE Step 2

plus

Flex Component 2

- Applicants who have completed the FLEX (Components 1 and 2) must have obtained a passing score of 75 on each component. Applicants who have completed the FLEX (Day 1, 2 and 3) must have obtained a FLEX-weighted average of 75. Part(s) of the NBOME plus segment(s) of FLEX or USMLE are not acceptable combinations for Connecticut licensure.

An applicant for licensure shall arrange for the submission of following documentation directly from the source:

- A completed application and fee in the amount of \$569.75. **Applications** are only accepted online. Please select this link to [apply online](#);
- Please note that \$4.75 of the application fee covers the Department's cost for querying the [National Practitioner Data Bank](#);
- An official transcript of medical education verifying the award of an M.D. or D.O. degree forwarded directly to this office from the educational institution\*;
- Verification of completion of at least two (2) years of progressive, post-graduate residency training submitted directly from the Chief of Staff/Program Director of the residency program(s). Please select this [link for the required form](#)\*;
- An official transcript of examination scores forwarded directly to this office from the examination entity\*;
- Verification of any other state licenses held, current or expired, submitted directly to this office from the source. Please [contact the other state board first as a fee may be required to complete the form \(see this link for the required form\)](#);

### \* FEDERATION CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION SERVICE

- The documentation requirements as identified with an asterisk above may be satisfied by the submission of an official [FCVS report submitted directly to this office](#). **This is a**



**voluntary program established by the Federation of State Medical Boards. The Department reserves the right to reject any or all portions of the documentation provided.**

Please visit [Department of Public Health](#) for more information.

## **Delaware**

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### **Delaware Requirements**

#### **3.0 Licensure by Examination**

All candidates for licensure by examination are required to pass the USMLE, National Boards, FLEX or SPEX as outlined below:

- 3.1 FLEX Examination:
  - 3.1.1 If FLEX was taken before June, 1985 applicant must have successfully passed a FLEX examination (Component 1 and Component 2) and have attained a passing score of a weighted average of seventy-five (75). After June, 1985 a passing score of 75 must have been obtained on Component 1 and Component 2.
  - 3.1.2 LCME is the equivalent to FLEX Component 1 and 2.
- 3.2 USMLE Examination:
  - 3.2.1 The USMLE is designed to supersede and replace the FLEX and the National Boards. If completed prior to the year 2000 acceptable combinations are acceptable with a score of 75:
    - 3.2.1.1 National Board Part I or USMLE Part 1 and
    - 3.2.1.2 National Board Part II or USMLE Part 2 and
    - 3.2.1.3 National Board Part III or USMLE Part 3

Or

    - 3.2.1.4 FLEX Component 1 and USMLE Step 3

Or

    - 3.2.1.5 National Board Part 1 and USMLE Step 1 and
    - 3.2.1.6 National Board Part 11 and USMLE Step 2 and
    - 3.2.1.7 FLEX Component 2
  - 3.2.2 Passing Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3 of the examination must occur within 7 years. There shall be no more than six attempts to pass each Step without demonstration of additional experience acceptable to the Board.

- 3.3 Certain persons licensed in other states: Doctors with valid state licenses by examination from other jurisdictions may be licensed at the discretion of the Board if this examination took place before January, 1973.

Please visit Board of Medical Licensure & Discipline for more information.

## **Florida**

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### **Florida Requirements**

#### **General**

#### **Licensure**

#### **Requirements:**

- Graduation from an osteopathic medical school approved by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).
- Successful completion of a 12-month rotating internship approved by the AOA or successful completion of a residency approved by the Board upon a showing of good cause by the applicant (see Rule 64B15-16.002, F.A.C.).
- Must pass all three (3) parts of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) exam within 5 years of application or licensure in another state, or a substantially similar exam approved by the Board. The Board does not consider the USMLE or FLEX exams to be comparable to the NBOME.
- If licensed in another state, have actively and continuously engaged in the practice of osteopathic medicine for the period time after being initially licensed with interruption to practice totaling no more than 2 years (or for a longer period of time if the Board determines that the interruption of the osteopathic physician's practice has not adversely affected the physician's present ability and fitness to practice osteopathic medicine).
- Meet all general licensure requirements set forth in 459.0055, F.S. relating to character, age, past discipline, etc.
- File a completed application and pay all required fees. Refer to application instructions for a list of specific documents and information needed.

#### **Examination Requirements and Information:**

- Anyone applying for licensure must have passed all three parts of the examination conducted by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) or other substantially similar examination approved by the board.
- If you have not taken and passed all three parts of the exam offered by the NBOME, you must demonstrate to the Board that the exam you did pass is substantially similar to all three parts of the NBOME. The board does not consider the FLEX or USMLE exams to be substantially similar to the NBOME as neither of these exams has an osteopathic component or osteopathic philosophies generally incorporated into the questions. If you have taken parts I and II of the NBOME exam you may satisfy part III of the exam by passing the COMVEX exam offered by the NBOME. For more information about the NBOME click here: <https://nbome.org/>
- If you were licensed in another state on the basis of that state's licensure exam, you may request the Board endorse those exam scores. It is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate to the Board that the state licensing exam is substantially similar to all three parts of the NBOME. You will need to request the state Board which administered the

exam to send an official copy of your scores and a letter verifying that your license in that state was issued on the basis of the state exam. The more information you can provide regarding the exam, the better the chances the Board can determine the exam to be substantially similar to the NBOME. At the very least, the following information **MUST** be provided:

- The number of questions the exam contained
- The subjects the exam tested;
- Who or what entity created the exam;
- Whether there was an osteopathic component and emphasis;
- When was the exam administered and endorsed.

Please visit [Board of Osteopathic Medicine](#) for more information.

## Georgia

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### Georgia Requirements

#### **Rule 360-2-.01 Requirements for Licensure**

An applicant for a medical license must provide:

- An affidavit that the applicant is a U.S. citizen, a legal permanent resident of the U.S. or that he/she is a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal immigration & Nationality Act
- An application that is complete, including all required documentation, signatures, seals and fees.
- Evidence of good moral character. Reference forms shall be valid for 6 months from the date of signature.
- Verification of licensure from every state on which the applicant has ever held a medical license
- Verification of a passing score on one of the following examinations approved by the Board:
  - Steps 1,2, & 3 of the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)
  - Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX)
  - FLEC Components I & II
  - National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME)
  - State Medical Board Examinations
  - Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) for graduates of Canadian medical school who completed post-graduate training in Canada
  - National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME)
  - Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX)
  - The Certifying examination of the Puerto Rico Medical Board, for graduates of Puerto Rican medical school who completed post-graduate training in Puerto Rico.
- Verification of medical education by submitting an official transcript of all medical education directly to the board from the school where such education was taken.
  - Transcript shall include the dates the applicant attended the school and the grades received in all courses taken to fulfill the requirements of the degree granted.
- Verification of post-graduate/residency training as follows:

- Graduated of approved medical schools must show completion of 1 year postgraduate training in a program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).
- Verification of residence in the U.S. for one year
- The Board in its discretion may require an applicant for licensure to take and pass the Special Purposed Examination (SPEX) prepared by the Federation of State Medical Board of the U.S., or other Board-approved competency assessment.

Please visit Rules and Regulation of the State of Georgia for more information.

## **Hawaii**

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### **Hawaii Requirements**

#### **§16-93-2 General requirements.**

- An application filed with the board shall be prepared in accordance with and contain the information called for in the application form prescribed by the board, or any instructions which may be issued by the board.
- the applicant may be licensed by any of the following means:
  - By examination;
  - By endorsement; and,
  - By reciprocity.
- The applicant shall submit the following with the application:
  - Verification of a Doctor of Osteopathy diploma from an AOA approved institution;
  - Verification of a Certificate of Completion of an osteopathic internship from an AOA approved hospital or medical facility;
  - Certificate of Competency from two licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon;
  - Recent passport-sized photograph of the applicant; and
  - Verification of any specialty postdoctoral awards. [Eff 8/15/64; ren 2.1, 8/7/70; am and ren §16-93-2, 7/2/81; am and comp 2/4/83; am and comp 2/9/90] (Auth: HRS §460-4) (Imp: HRS §460-6)

#### **§16-93-3 Application for license by examination**

- In addition to the requirements of section 16-93-2(c), an applicant for license by examination shall comply with the requirements of this section.
- The applicant shall submit verification of eligibility for meeting the requirements of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) toward a certificate from the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, Inc., (NBOME). The evidence of eligibility shall verify that the applicant meets the following:
  - Evidence of a passing grade on the examination given by the NBOME or by the Federation of State Medical Board of the United States, Inc., (FLEX). The passing



score for the NBOME and FLEX is a score of 75 or more for each part of component; and

- Verification of any other osteopathic licenses held in other jurisdictions. [Eff 8/15/64; am and ren 2.2, 8/7/70; am and ren §16-93-3, 7/2/81; am and comp 2/4/83; am and comp 2/9/90] (Auth: HRS §460-4) (Imp: HRS §460-4)

Please visit [Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs](#) for more information.

## **Idaho**

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### **Idaho Requirements**

#### **54-1810. LICENSURE BY WRITTEN EXAMINATION.**

Any person seeking to be licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine or osteopathic medicine and surgery in this state must successfully complete the following requirements before a license will be issued:

- Each applicant must submit a completed written application to the board on forms furnished by the board which shall require proof of graduation from a medical school acceptable to the board and successful completion of a postgraduate training program acceptable to the board. The application shall require a fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database. Each applicant must submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints on forms supplied by the board which shall be forwarded to the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation identification division for this purpose or for the purpose of qualifying an applicant for an expedited license as the state of principal license as provided in section [54-1847, Idaho Code](#). **The board shall not disseminate data acquired from a fingerprint-based criminal history check except as allowed by law.**
- Each applicant must pass an examination conducted by or acceptable to the board which shall thoroughly test the applicant's fitness to practice medicine. If an applicant fails to pass the examination on two (2) separate occasions, he shall not be eligible to take the examination for at least one (1) year, and before taking the examination again, he must make a showing to the board that he has successfully engaged in a course of study for the purpose of improving his ability to engage in the practice of medicine. Applicants who fail two (2) separate examinations in another state, territory, or district of the United States or Canada, must make the same showing of successful completion of a course of study prior to examination for licensure.
- The board may require an applicant to be personally interviewed by the board or a designated committee of the board. Such an interview shall be limited to a review of the applicant's qualifications and professional credentials.

Please visit [Idaho Statutes](#) for more information.



## Illinois

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### Illinois Requirements

#### **Section 1285.70 Application for a License on the Basis of Examination**

Each applicant for a license to practice medicine in all of its branches on the basis of examination must submit to the Division:

- A fully completed application signed by the applicant, on which all questions have been answered and all programs of medical education attended by the applicant have been identified, including dates of attendance;
- Proof that the applicant is of good moral character. Proof shall be an indication on the application that the applicant has not engaged in any conduct or activities that would constitute grounds for discipline under Section 22 of the Act. Applications of individuals who answer affirmatively to any question on the personal history portion of the application or who have engaged in activities that would constitute grounds for discipline shall be forwarded to the Enforcement Division of the Division of Professional Regulation for further investigation and action by the Medical Licensing Board as provided in Section 9(B)(4) of the Act;
- An official transcript of a course of instruction in a college, university or other institution as required by Section 1285.20(a);
- Fee as required by Section 21 of the Act;
- An official transcript and diploma or an official transcript and certification of graduation from the medical education program granting the degree that shall be evidence that the applicant has met the minimum medical education requirements of the Act;
- Certification on forms provided by the Division that the core clerkship rotations were completed in accordance with Section 1285.20 and proof of current ECFMG certification as set forth in Section 1285.20(k) for those applicants who are applying under Section 11(A)(2)(a) of the Act;
- Proof of satisfactory completion of an approved program of clinical training in accordance with Section 1285.40;
- Proof of the successful completion of the examination set forth in Section 1285.60. Scores shall be submitted to the Division directly from the testing entity;
- A certification from the jurisdiction of original licensure and current licensure stating:
  - The date of issuance of the license; and

- Whether the records of the licensing authority contain any record of disciplinary action taken or pending;
- Documentation of professional capacity, as set forth in Section 1285.95, for applicants who have not been engaged in the active practice of medicine or have not been enrolled in a medical program for 2 years prior to application; and
- Verification of fingerprint processing from the Illinois Department of State Police (ISP), an ISP live scan vendor whose equipment has been certified by ISP, or a fingerprint vendor agency licensed by the Division. Out-of-state residents unable to utilize the ISP electronic fingerprint process may submit to ISP one fingerprint card issued by ISP, accompanied by the fee specified by ISP. Fingerprints shall be taken within the 60 days prior to application.

If an applicant for licensure as a physician to practice medicine in all of its branches has a Profile from the Federation Credentials Verification Service of the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Inc., the applicant will be required to submit the following:

- A Physician Information Profile that includes, but is not limited to, verification of medical education, ECFMG Certification (if applicable), clinical training and complete examination information. The information contained in the applicant's Profile shall be reviewed by the Division in order to determine if the applicant meets the requirements for licensure as set forth in the Act and this Part;
- A fully completed Illinois medical application, on forms provided by the Division, signed by the applicant, on which all questions have been answered;
- Proof that the applicant is of good moral character. Proof shall be an indication on the Illinois application that the applicant has not engaged in any conduct or activity that would constitute grounds for discipline under Section 22 of the Act. Applications of individuals who answer affirmatively to any question on the personal history portion of the application or who have engaged in activities that would constitute grounds for discipline shall be forwarded to the Enforcement Division of the Division of Professional Regulation for further investigation and action by the Medical Licensing Board as set out in Section 9(B)(4) of the Act;
- An official transcript of a course of instruction in a college, university or other institution as required by Section 1285.20(a);
- Individuals applying under Section 11(A)(2)(a)(i) of the Act shall also submit certification, on forms provided by the Division, that the core clerkship rotations were completed in accordance with Section 1285.20 of this Part;
- Documentation of professional capacity, as set forth in Section 1285.95, for applicants who have not been engaged in the active practice of medicine or have not been enrolled in a medical program for 2 years prior to application;
- A certification from the jurisdiction of original licensure and current licensure stating:
  - The date of issuance and status of the license; and
  - Whether the records of the licensing authority contain any record of disciplinary action taken or pending;
- Fees as required by Section 21 of the Act; and

- Verification of fingerprint processing from ISP, an ISP live scan vendor whose equipment has been certified by ISP, or a fingerprint vendor agency licensed by the Division. Out-of-state residents unable to utilize the ISP electronic fingerprint process may submit to ISP one fingerprint card issued by ISP, accompanied by the fee specified by ISP. Fingerprints shall be taken within the 60 days prior to application.

#### Proof of Waiver

- The provisions of subsection (a)(8) shall be waived for a candidate for licensure to practice medicine in all of its branches who makes application satisfactory to the Division under Section 9 of the Act who submits proof of the successful completion of:
  - the National Board of Medical Examiners examination subsequent to January 1, 1964; or
  - the National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons examination subsequent to June 1, 1973; or
  - the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) in another state obtaining a FLEX weighted average of 75 or more subsequent to June 1, 1968; or
  - the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada examination (LMCC) subsequent to May 1, 1970; or
  - The Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) in another state obtaining a score of 75 or more in each Component in accordance with Section 1285.60.
- Verification of the successful completion of the examinations described in subsection (c)(1) shall show the scores achieved by the applicant on the examination. Scores shall be submitted to the Division directly from the testing entity.

Each applicant for a license to practice as a chiropractic physician must submit to the Division:

- A fully completed application signed by the applicant, on which all questions have been answered and all programs of chiropractic education attended by the applicant have been identified, including dates of attendance;
- An official transcript of a course of instruction, prerequisite to professional training in a college, university or other institution for those applying pursuant to Section 11(B)(2) of the Act;
- An official transcript and copy of diploma or official transcript and certification of graduation from the education program granting the professional degree; the transcript shall indicate that the applicant has met the minimum chiropractic education requirements of Section 11 of the Act;
- Proof that the applicant is of good moral character and has not engaged in any conduct or activities that would constitute grounds for discipline under Section 22 of the Act. Applications of individuals who answer affirmatively to any question on the personal history portion of the application or who have engaged in activities that would constitute grounds for discipline shall be forwarded to the Enforcement Division of the Division of

Professional Regulation for further investigation and action by the Medical Licensing Board as provided in Section 9(B)(4) of the Act;

- Fee as required by Section 21 of the Act;
- Proof of successful completion of Part I, Part II, Part III and Part IV of the examination pursuant to Section 1285.60(b) forwarded directly to the Division from the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
- Documentation of professional capacity, as set forth in Section 1285.95, for applicants who have not been engaged in the active practice of medicine or have not been enrolled in a medical program for 2 years prior to application;
- Certification from the jurisdiction of original licensure and current licensure stating:
  - The date of issuance of the license; and
  - Whether the records of the licensing authority contain any record of disciplinary action taken or pending; and
- Verification of fingerprint processing from ISP, an ISP live scan vendor whose equipment has been certified by ISP, or a fingerprint vendor agency licensed by the Division. Out-of-state residents unable to utilize the ISP electronic fingerprint process may submit to ISP one fingerprint card issued by ISP, accompanied by the fee specified by ISP. Fingerprints shall be taken within the 60 days prior to application.

When the accuracy of any submitted documentation or the relevance or sufficiency of the course work or training is questioned by the Division or the Medical Licensing Board because of lack of information, discrepancies or conflicts in information given, or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure shall be requested to:

- Provide information as may be necessary; and/or
- Appear for an interview before the Licensing Board to explain the relevance or sufficiency, clarify information or clear up any discrepancies or conflicts in information.

Within 60 days after issuance of the license, the physician shall complete a physician profile in accordance with Section 1285.305.

Please visit [Illinois Administrative Code](#) for more information.

## **Indiana**

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### **Indiana Requirements**

#### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE**

- The applicant must not have a conviction for a crime that has a direct bearing on the applicant's ability to practice competently.
- Possess the degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy from a Board approved medical school.
- Successfully passed the examination for licensure.
- Physically and mentally capable of, and professionally competent to, safely engage in the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine. The Board may request an applicant to undergo an examination to determine such capability. The Board may also consider any malpractice settlements or judgments against the applicant.
- The applicant shall not have had disciplinary action taken against the applicant by another licensing agency based on the applicant's inability to safely practice medicine.
- Submission of transcripts and diplomas from all medical schools, with translations if needed.
- Completion of 1 year of approved postgraduate training for U.S./Canadian graduates, and 2 years of approved postgraduate training for international medical graduates.

Please visit [Indiana Professional Licensing Agency](#) for more information.



## **Iowa**

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### **Iowa Requirements**

#### **653—9.3(147,148) Eligibility for licensure.**

Requirements. To be eligible for permanent or administrative medicine licensure, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

- a. Fulfill the application requirements specified in rule 653—9.4(147,148).
- b. Hold a medical degree from an educational institution approved by the board at the time the applicant graduated and was awarded the degree.

(1) Educational institutions approved by the board shall be fully accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the board as schools of instruction in medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery and empowered to grant academic degrees in medicine.

(2) The accrediting bodies currently recognized by the board are: 1. LCME for the educational institutions granting degrees in medicine and surgery; and 2. AOA for educational institutions granting degrees in osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(3) If the applicant holds a medical degree from an educational institution not approved by the board at the time the applicant graduated and was awarded the degree, the applicant shall meet one of the following requirements:

1. Hold a valid certificate issued by ECFMG;
  2. Pass the MCCEE;
  3. Have successfully completed a fifth pathway program established in accordance with AMA criteria;
  4. Have successfully passed either a basic science examination administered by a United States or Canadian medical licensing authority or SPEX; and have successfully completed three years of resident training in a program approved by the board; and have submitted evidence of five years of active practice without restriction as a licensee of any United States or Canadian jurisdiction;
- or

5. Have successfully passed either a basic science examination administered by a United States or Canadian medical licensing authority or SPEX; and hold board certification by a specialty board approved by ABMS or AOA; and submit evidence of five years of active practice without restriction as a licensee of any United States or Canadian jurisdiction.

c. Have successfully completed one year of resident training in a hospital-affiliated program approved by the board at the time the applicant was enrolled in the program. An applicant who is a graduate of an international medical school shall have successfully completed 24 months of such training.

(1) For those required to have 12 months of training, the program shall have been 12 months of progressive training in not more than two specialties and in not more than two programs approved for resident training by the board. For those required to have 24 months of training, the program shall have been 24 continuous months of progressive training in not more than two specialties and in not more than two programs approved for resident training by the board.

(2) Resident training approved by the board shall be accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the board for the purpose of accrediting resident training programs.

(3) The board approves resident training programs accredited by: 1. ACGME; 2. AOA; 3. RCPSC; and 4. CFPC.

(4) The board shall accept each 12 months of practice as a special licensee as equivalent to one year of resident training in a hospital-affiliated program approved by the board.

(5) The board may accept a current, active ABMS or AOA board certification obtained through an alternate pathway as equivalent to resident training in a hospital-affiliated program approved by the board. The alternate pathway must be a minimum of 24 months completed at an institution with a program approved by the board as specified in subparagraph 9.3(1)“c”(3).

d. Pass one of the licensure examinations or combinations as prescribed in rule 653—9.7(147,148).

a. A military service applicant or a veteran may apply for credit for verified military education, training, or service toward any experience or educational requirement for permanent licensure under this subrule or may be eligible for permanent licensure through reciprocity as specified in 653—Chapter 18. b. A physician who holds a valid Letter of Qualification asserting eligibility for licensure through the IMLC is eligible for a permanent Iowa medical license.

Please visit [Iowa Legislature](http://www.legis.iowa.gov) for more information.

## **Kansas**

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### **Kansas Requirements**

#### **65-2873. License to practice healing arts by examination; prerequisites; postgraduate study; use of title and degree.**

- Each applicant for a license by examination to practice any branch of the healing arts in this state shall:
  - Present to the board evidence of proficiency in the basic sciences issued by the national board of medical examiners, the board of examiners of osteopathic physicians and surgeons or the national board of chiropractic examiners or such other examining body as may be approved by the board or in lieu thereof pass such examination as the board may require in the basic science subjects;
  - present proof that the applicant is a graduate of an accredited healing arts school or college; and
  - pass an examination prescribed and conducted by the board covering the subjects incident to the practice of the branch of healing art for which the applicant applies.
- Any person seeking a license to practice medicine and surgery shall present proof that such person has completed acceptable postgraduate study as may be required by the board by regulations.
- The board may authorize an applicant who does not meet the requirements of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) to take the examination for licensure if the applicant:
  - Has completed three years of postgraduate training as approved by the board;
  - is a graduate of a school in which the graduates have been licensed in another state or states which has standards similar to Kansas; and
  - meets all other requirements for taking the examination for licensure of the Kansas healing arts act.
- In addition to the examination required under paragraph (3) of subsection (a), if the applicant is a foreign medical graduate the applicant shall pass an examination given by the educational commission for foreign medical graduates.
- No person licensed to practice and actively engaged in the practice of the healing arts shall attach to such person's name any title, or any word or abbreviation indicating that such person is a doctor of any branch of the healing arts other than the branch of the healing arts

in which such person holds a license but shall attach to such person's name the degree or degrees to which such person is entitled by reason of such person's diploma.

Please visit [Statutes & Regulations](#) for more information.

## **Kentucky**

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### **Kentucky Requirements**

#### **Requirements for Medical/Osteopathic Licensure in Kentucky**

1. All applicants' must be a graduate from a medical school approved by the Board. All medical schools located in the United States and Canada approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or the Canadian Medical Association are approved by the Board. Medical education obtained outside the United States or Canada is evaluated by the Board on an individual basis and must be listed in the World Health Organization directory of medical schools.
2. All applicants must complete a minimum of two (2) years post-graduate residency training approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the American Osteopathic Association, or the National Joint Committee on Accreditation of Pre-registration Physician Training Programs.
3. All applicants must provide written proof that he/she has received a passing score on an examination approved by the Board as long as the applicant obtains a passing score within four (4) attempts for each Step, Part, Component, or Level. The following examinations are acceptable:
  - USMLE Steps 1, 2, 3
  - NBME Parts 1, 2, 3
  - NBOME Parts 1, 2, 3
  - COMLEX Levels 1, 2, 3
  - FLEX Component 1 and Component 2 (75 or above on each component)
  - FLEX taken in one sitting with a FLEX weighted average of 75 or above
  - State Board Exam if taken prior to 1972 with overall average of 75 or above in one sitting
4. All applicants being endorsed must be in good standing with their original licensing state.
5. International medical graduates must possess permanent ECFMG certification or written proof of being a diplomat of an approved American specialty board.
6. All applicants must be able to understandably speak, read, and write the English language.

Please visit [Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure](#) for more information.



## **Louisiana**

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### **Louisiana Requirements**

#### **Qualifications for Licensure - U.S./Canadian Graduates**

- Be at least 21 years of age and of good moral character;
- Be a citizen of the United States or possess valid and current legal authority to reside and work in the United States duly issued by the commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service;
- Possess a Doctor of Medicine degree duly issued by a medical school approved by the Board. The diploma must be in English. If not, must be accompanied by a certified translation into English;
- Completed a year of ACGME approved internship training in the United States or Canada;
- Have taken and passed either the state board examination, National Boards Parts 1, 2, and 3, FLEX, USMLE, COMLEX-USA, NBOME or a combination thereof. (There is no limit on step 1, four on Step 2 and four on step 3).
- If a medical competency examination has not been taken within 10 years of application, the applicant must be board certified or re-certified through the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association within the past ten years or the applicant must take and pass SPEX (Special Purpose Examination) administered through the Federation of State Medical Boards, Inc or COMVEX-USA administered by the National Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

Please visit [State Board of Medical Examiners](#) for more information.

## **Maine**

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### **Maine Requirements**

#### **§2571. Licensure; qualifications; fees**

An individual, before engaging in the practice of osteopathic medicine in this State, shall make application for a license to the board, on a form prescribed by the board. The application must be filed with the board at least 60 days before the date of examination together with a fee of not more than \$525. The applicant shall present a diploma granted by a school or college of osteopathic medicine approved by the American Osteopathic Association. That applicant shall present evidence of having completed an internship of at least 12 months in a hospital conforming to the minimal standards for accreditation by the American Osteopathic Association, or the equivalency, as determined by the board. All applicants shall provide reasonable and proper facts as the board in its application may require. The board at its discretion may permit an applicant, who is otherwise qualified to be examined during internship, a license to be withheld until successful completion of internship. [2001, c. 492, §1 (AMD).]

All fees set in this chapter are nonrefundable application fees or administrative processing fees payable to the board at the time of application or at the time board action is requested. Unless otherwise specified, the board shall set the fees. [1991, c. 425, §2 (NEW).]

An applicant may not be licensed unless the board finds that the applicant is qualified and that no cause exists, as set forth in section 2591-A, that would be considered grounds for disciplinary action against a licensed physician.

Please visit [maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure](#) for more information.



## **Maryland**

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### **Maryland Requirements**

.03 Licensure — Qualifications for Initial Licensure.

A. Moral Character. The applicant shall be of good moral character.

B. Age. The applicant shall be 18 years old or older.

C. Fee. An applicant for initial licensure shall pay the initial application fee and any additional charges set by the Board.

D. Education and Training. The applicant shall meet at least one of the following requirements:

(1) Have a doctor of medicine degree from a school of medicine accredited by LCME at the time of the applicant's graduation and have successfully completed 1 year of postgraduate training at an accredited training program;

(2) Have a doctor of osteopathy degree from a school of osteopathy in the United States, its territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, or Canada that has standards for graduation equivalent to those established by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and have successfully completed 1 year of postgraduate training at an accredited training program;

(3) Have a doctor of medicine degree from any other medical school, have successfully completed the requirements for and obtained ECFMG certification, and have successfully completed 2 years of post-graduate training at an accredited training program; or

(4) Have a document stating that the applicant has successfully completed a fifth pathway program as defined in Health Occupations Article, §14-308(a)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland, have successfully completed all of the formal graduation requirements of a foreign medical school except for the postgraduate or social service components as required by the foreign country or its medical school, and have successfully completed 2 years of postgraduate training at an accredited training program.

E. On a case-by-case basis, the Board may consider full-time teaching in an LCME-accredited medical school in the United States as an alternative to the accredited postgraduate clinical medical education programs required in §D of this regulation.

F. The Board may consider practice in another state of the United States or in Canada as an alternative to the accredited postgraduate clinical medical education program required in §D of this regulation if:

- (1) There is a minimum of 10 years clinical practice in the United States or Canada, with 3 years being within 5 years of the date of the application; and
- (2) The clinical practice occurred under a full unrestricted license to practice medicine.

G. Examination.

(1) An applicant for licensure in Maryland shall successfully complete at least one of the following examination requirements:

(a) Achieve a passing score on all parts of the National Board of Medical Examiners examination as evidenced by an endorsement of certification issued by the National Board of Medical Examiners;

(b) Achieve a score as follows:

(i) At least 75 on each part of the FLEX examination;

(ii) A FLEX weighted average score of at least 75 on a FLEX examination taken before 1985 and achieved in one sitting; or

(iii) A FLEX weighted average score of at least 75 on a FLEX examination taken before 1985 and be currently certified by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties;

(c) Achieve a passing score, as evidenced by receipt of either a Diplomate Certification or a Certification of Completion issued by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners after January 1, 1971, on:

(i) All parts of the examination of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME);

(ii) All levels of the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX); or

(iii) A combination of these examinations;

(d) Achieve the recommended passing score on all levels of the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Exam of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners;

(e) Achieve passing scores on any of the following examination combinations:

(i) NBOME Part 1 + NBOME Part 2 + COMLEX Level 3;

(ii) NBOME Part 1 + COMLEX Level 2 + COMLEX Level 3;

(iii) NBOME Part 1 + COMLEX Level 2 + NBOME Part 3;

(iv) COMLEX Level 1 + NBOME Part 2 + NBOME Part 3;

(v) COMLEX Level 1 + COMLEX Level 2 + NBOME Part 3; or

(vi) COMLEX Level 1 + NBOME Part 2 + COMLEX Level 3;

(f) Achieve a passing score on all parts of the examination of any state board or the District of Columbia Board of Medicine in the United States;

(g) Achieve a passing score on all steps of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE);

(h) If completed before the year 2000, achieve passing scores on any of the following examination combinations:

(i) USMLE Step 1 + NBME Part II + NBME Part III;

(ii) USMLE Step 1 + USMLE Step 2 + NBME Part III;

(iii) USMLE Step 1 + NBME Part II + USMLE Step 3;

(iv) NBME Part I + USMLE Step 2 + USMLE Step 3;

(v) NBME Part I + USMLE Step 2 + NBME Part III;

(vi) NBME Part I + NBME Part II + USMLE Step 3;

(vii) FLEX Component 1 + USMLE 3;

(viii) FLEX Component 2 + USMLE Step 1 + NBME Part II;

(ix) FLEX Component 2 + USMLE Step 1 + USMLE Step 2;

(x) FLEX Component 2 + NBME Part I + USMLE Step 2; or

(xi) FLEX Component 2 + NBME Part I + NBME Part II; or

(i) Achieve a passing score on each part of the applicable qualifying examination of the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada.

(2) An applicant who fails any part, step, level, or component of the examinations or combination of examinations listed in §G(1) of this regulation three or more times shall meet one of the requirements listed in §G(3) of this regulation.

(3) An otherwise qualified applicant who passes the examination after having failed the examination or any part of the examinations listed in §G(1) of this regulation or any part, step, level, or component of any of the examinations listed in §G(1) three or more times may qualify for a license only if the applicant:

(a) Has had no disciplinary action pending and has had no disciplinary action taken against the applicant that would be grounds for discipline under Health Occupations Article, §14-404, Annotated Code of Maryland and has successfully completed 2 or more years of a residency or fellowship accredited by the ACGME or the AOA and has a minimum of 5 years of clinical practice of medicine:

(i) With at least 3 of the 5 years having occurred within 5 years of the date of the application;

(ii) In the United States or in Canada; and

(iii) That occurred under a full unrestricted license to practice medicine; or

(b) Is Board-certified.

(4) Notwithstanding §G(1) of this regulation, the Board shall require an applicant to pass the SPEX examination or the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Variable-Purpose Examination—USA (COMVEX—USA) if the applicant:

(a) Last passed a medical licensing examination more than 15 years before this application;

(b) Has never had specialty board certification or last passed a specialty board certification examination given by a member board of the ABMS or the AOA more than 10 years before this application;

(c) Has not had a full, unrestricted medical license in at least one state of the United States or Canada within the 10-year period before this application; and

(d) Has not actively practiced clinical medicine in the United States or Canada for at least 7 of the 10 years before this application.

(5) Notwithstanding §G(1) of this regulation, the Board may require an applicant to pass the SPEX examination or the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Variable-Purpose Examination — USA (COMVEX — USA) if the applicant meets one or more of the conditions listed in §G(4) of this regulation.

#### H. Additional Requirements.

(1) Each applicant shall submit a chronological list of all activities beginning with the date of completion of medical school through the date of application. The activities shall be listed by month and year, account for all periods of time, and include but not be limited to the following:

(a) All postgraduate training programs attended, regardless of whether the program was completed or not;

(b) Each job held, regardless of whether the job was:

(i) Medically related or not; or

(ii) Compensated or not;

(c) Any other activity engaged in, including all periods of unemployment;

(d) An action, by a state licensing or disciplinary board, or a comparable body in the armed services, denying an application for licensure, reinstatement, or renewal;

(e) An action taken against the physician's license, by a state licensing or disciplinary board, or a comparable body in the armed services, including but not limited to limitations of practice, required education, admonishment, reprimand, suspension, or revocation for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occupations Article, §14-404, Annotated Code of Maryland;

- (f) An investigation or charge brought against the physician by a licensing or disciplinary body or comparable body in the armed services;
- (g) A medical or health professional license for which the physician has applied if the application was withdrawn for reasons that would be grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occupations Article, §14-404, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (h) An investigation or charge brought against the physician by a hospital, related institution, or alternative health care system that would be grounds for action under Health Occupations Article, §14-404, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (i) Any limitation or loss in privileges by a hospital, related health care facility, or alternative health care system that would be grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occupations Article, §14-404, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (j) A plea of guilty or nolo contendere, a conviction, or receipt of probation before judgment for a criminal act;
- (k) A plea of guilty or nolo contendere, a conviction, or receipt of probation before judgment for an alcohol or controlled dangerous substance offense, including but not limited to driving while under the influence of alcohol or controlled dangerous substances;
- (l) An arrest which would provide a basis for investigation or charge which would be grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occupations Article, §14-404, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (m) A physical or mental condition that currently impairs the physician's ability to practice medicine; and
- (n) The filing or settling of a medical malpractice action in which the physician is, or has been, named as a defendant within the past 5 years.

(2) An applicant shall submit the following additional information:

- (a) Copies of the complaints, pleadings, and judgments in all malpractice claims if the applicant has had 3 or more claims in the 5 years before the filing of the application for licensure;
- (b) Copies of all arrests, disciplinary actions, judgments, and final orders which occurred or were issued within the 7 years before submitting the application for licensure for driving while intoxicated, driving while under the influence of a chemical substance or medication, or any license probation, suspension, or revocation; and
- (c) All medical licensure, certification, and recertification examination results and the dates when these examinations were taken.

(3) On forms supplied by the Board, an applicant shall agree to release to the Board relevant information from appropriate individuals, other institutions, and government agencies including, but not limited to, the National Practitioner Data Bank, hospitals, and other licensing bodies.

(4) On forms supplied by the Board, an applicant shall allow the Board to release information which is not statutorily protected.

(5) During the application process, an applicant for licensure shall have the duty to inform the Board by electronic or first-class mail of any of the circumstances listed in §H(1) and (2) of this regulation within 30 days of the occurrence of or notification about these circumstances.

(6) If reasonable questions regarding an applicant's physical, mental, or professional competency have been raised by the information provided on the application, the Board may request additional information regarding the applicant's competency from the chief of staff of a hospital where the applicant has practiced.

I. English Language Competency. The applicant shall demonstrate oral and written English language competency as described in Regulation .04D of this chapter.

J. Speech Impairment. An applicant wishing to claim speech impairment shall submit documentation of the impairment to the Board as described in Regulation .04E of this chapter.

Please visit [Board of Physicians](#) for more information.

## Massachusetts

Board of Registration in Medicine  
200 Harvard Mill Square, Suite 330  
Wakefield, MA 01880

Phone: (781) 876-8200

Contact: [borim.info@state.ma.us](mailto:borim.info@state.ma.us)

### Massachusetts Requirements

Requirements for a full license for graduates of U.S. or Canadian medical schools

- **Pre-Medical Education:** Completion of a minimum of two or more academic years at a legally chartered college or university, which must include courses in biology, inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry and physics, or their equivalent as determined by the Board.
- **Medical Education:** Completion of four academic years of instruction, of not less than thirty-two weeks in each academic year, in a legally chartered medical school, and receipt of the degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalents. A waiver for substantial equivalency of medical school education must be completed if any required or elective medical school clinical study was completed offsite of the medical school and without supervision by the medical school faculty.
- **Post-Graduate Medical Education:** Completion of two (2) years of ACGME approved or accredited Canadian post-graduate medical training.

Examination requirements for license applicants who have graduated from U.S., Canadian or international medical schools

- USMLE Steps 1, 2 and 3; or
- FLEX Components 1 and 2; or
- NBME Parts I, II and III; or
- All parts of the MCCQE; or
- All parts of the examination of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners; or
- A state examination given prior to June 19, 1970.

Please visit [Board of Registration in Medicine](#) for more information.

## Michigan

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs  
Bureau of Professional Licensing  
P.O. Box 30670  
Lansing, MI 48909

Phone: (517) 241-0199

### Michigan Requirements

#### ALL APPLICANTS:

- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received and entered into the database.
- Human Trafficking requirement – Administrative Rule R 338.120: Proof of completion of training to identify victims of human trafficking. This is a one-time training that is separate from continuing education (CE). Licensees renewing in 2017 must complete training by renewal in 2020; renewals for 2018 by 2021, and renewals for 2019 by 2022. Beginning December 20, 2021, completion of the training is a requirement for initial license issuance.

#### ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL DO LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION: (initial license)

- Submit the osteopathic medicine license by examination application found at [https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600\\_72603\\_27529\\_27547---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27547---,00.html) with the appropriate fee to the Michigan Board. If also applying for a controlled substance license, submit the additional fee listed on the application.
- Certification of your examination scores must be submitted directly to this office from the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME). You may request certification from NBOME by visiting their website [www.nbome.org](http://www.nbome.org).
- Official transcripts confirming the completion of the requirements for a degree in osteopathic medicine must be submitted directly to this office from a board approved school of osteopathic medicine.
- The Certification of First Year Postgraduate Training form, confirming satisfactory completion of 1 year postgraduate clinical training approved by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), must be submitted directly to this office from the Medical Director or Superintendent where you completed your postgraduate clinical training. The form will not be accepted by the board if completed or submitted more than 30 days before completion of the first year of training.

Please visit [Bureau of Professional Licensing](#) for more information.



## **Minnesota**

Minnesota Board of Medical Practice  
2829 University Avenue, S.E., Suite 500  
Minneapolis, MN 55414-3246

Phone: (612) 617-2130

Contact: [medical.board@state.mn.us](mailto:medical.board@state.mn.us)

### **Minnesota Requirements**

#### **Domestic Graduate Requirements**

- Graduate of an accredited medical or osteopathic school located in the United States, its territories, or Canada.
- Successfully complete one year of U.S./Canadian graduate, clinical medical training in a program accredited by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada, or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) or other graduate training approved, in advance, by the board as meeting standards similar to those of a national accrediting organization.
- Successfully complete the USMLE, COMLEX, National Board, LMCC, FLEX or state exam. Applicants licensed in another state must pass the SPEX exam within three attempts if it has been more than 10 years since taking the initial licensing exam unless currently certified by a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties, of the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Professional Education, of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or of the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

#### **USMLE REQUIREMENTS**

- Applicants must have passed steps 1, 2 and 3 within three attempts. Four attempts are allowed if currently licensed in another state and currently certified by a specialty board of ABMS, AOABPE, RCPSC, or CFPC. USMLE Step 3 must be passed within 5 years of Step 2 or before the end of residency training. Applicants must pass each step with passing scores as recommended by the USMLE program. Combinations of FLEX, National Board, and USMLE (as outlined in the USMLE bulletin) may be accepted by the Board as comparable to existing exam sequences, but all exams must be passed within three attempts and completed prior to the year 2000.

#### **COMLEX EXAM-USA**

- Applicants must have passed levels one, two and three with passing scores within three attempts.

#### **FLEX EXAM REQUIREMENTS**

Eligibility requirements for medical licensure in Minnesota based on the FLEX exam are as follows:

- Applicants who took and passed FLEX prior to 1985 must have passed in one sitting within five attempts.

- Applicants who took and passed FLEX between 1985 and 1990 may pass in two sittings providing it is within five attempts.
- Applicants who have made up to five attempts to pass FLEX (some attempts before 1985 and some between 1985 and 1990, inclusive) may pass in two sittings between 1985 and 1990.
- Applicants taking FLEX after 1990 may pass in two sittings within three attempts. The latest score is the "official score". Passing score is a weighted average of 75 prior to 1985; thereafter, the passing score is 75 on each component.

Please visit [Minnesota Licensing](#) for more information.

## Mississippi

Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure  
1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 200-B,  
Jackson, MS 39216

Phone: (601) 987-3079

### Mississippi Requirements

#### Rule 1.1 Licensure by Credentials.

The Board endorses licenses to practice medicine obtained in most states by written examination prior to March 8, 1973. Subject to the provisions of Part 2605, Rule 1.2, all applicants for medical licensure who took the FLEX between March 8, 1973, and January 24, 1985, must have passed the FLEX taken in one three-day sitting with a weighted average of 75 or higher in order to obtain licensure in Mississippi. The Board will not accept scores of more than one administration of the FLEX which have been combined (factored) to provide a FLEX weighted average of 75 or higher. From and after January 24, 1985, an applicant for medical licensure by reciprocity must have passed both Components I and II of the FLEX with a score of 75 to be considered the passing grade for each component. From and after June 1994, the Board shall endorse licenses to practice medicine from applicants who have successfully taken Steps 1, 2 and 3 of the USMLE.

Those doctors of osteopathic medicine who graduated prior to June 1, 1973, will be considered only if they took and passed the same written licensure examination given in that state at that time to graduates of medical schools. A statement to this effect must be submitted to this Board from that licensing board.

The Board may endorse Diplomates of the NBME; the NBOME (COMLEX), if examination completed on or after February 13, 1973, or licentiates of the Medical Council of Canada.

The Board may consider licensure to a graduate of an international medical school who was licensed in another state by written examination prior to March 8, 1973, if he or she is certified by a board recognized by the ABMS.

In addition to the above requirements for licensure by credentials, an individual shall meet the following requirements:

A. Applicant must be twenty-one (21) years of age and of good moral character.

B. Present a diploma from a reputable medical college or college of osteopathic medicine, subject to the following conditions:

1. If the degree is from a medical college or a college of osteopathic medicine in the United States or Puerto Rico, the medical college must be accredited at the time of graduation by the LCME, a Joint Committee of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)

and the AMA or the College of Osteopathic Medicine which must be accredited by the AOA.

2. If the degree is from a Canadian medical school, the school must be accredited at the time of graduation by the LCME and by the Committee on Accreditation for Canadian Medical Schools.

3. If the degree is from an international medical school, the medical school must be in the World Director of Medical Schools or its equivalent. A graduate from an international medical school must either

(i) possess a valid certificate from the ECFMG or

(ii) document successful completion of a Fifth Pathway program and be currently board certified by a specialty board recognized by the ABMS.

4. Any diploma or other document required to be submitted to the Board by an applicant which is not in the English language must be accompanied by a certified translation thereof into English.

C. If a graduate from a medical college or college of osteopathic medicine in the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico, applicant must present documentation of having completed at least one (1) year of postgraduate training in the United States accredited by the ACGME or by the AOA; or training in Canada accredited by the RCPSC.

D. Applicants who graduated from an international medical school must present documentation of having completed either:

1. three (3) or more years of ACGME-approved postgraduate training in the United States or training in Canada approved by the RCPSC; or

2. one (1) year of ACGME-approved postgraduate training in the United States or training in Canada approved by the RCPSC, be currently board certified by a specialty board recognized by the ABMS and must have approval by the Board.

E. An applicant who otherwise possesses all of the qualifications for licensure by credentials, but has not taken a medical proficiency examination or licensure examination within ten (10) years prior to filing his or her application, must pass the SPEX or COMVEX\* , unless the applicant:

1. Submits satisfactory proof of current certification by an ABMS and participating in Maintenance of Certification (MOC) or AOA approved specialty board and participating in Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC); or

2. Submits proof that the applicant's sole purpose for seeking licensure is to serve as the Dean, Chairman of the Department or Faculty of an ACGME or AOA approved training program. In such case, a license shall remain in effect so long as licensee is a member of the faculty of the ACGME or AOA approved training program.

F. Submit certified copy of either (i) a birth certificate or (ii) a valid passport. G. Complete an application for medical license and submit it to the Board in a manner prescribed by the Board with a recent passport type photograph. H. Submit fee prescribed by the Board. I. Submit fingerprints for state and national criminal history background checks.

Please visit [Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure](#) for more information.

## Missouri

Board of Registration for the Healing Arts  
3605 Missouri Boulevard  
P.O. Box 4  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Phone: (573) 751-0098

Contact: [healingarts@pr.mo.gov](mailto:healingarts@pr.mo.gov)

### Missouri Requirements

- (1) Every applicant for a permanent license as a physician and surgeon who is a graduate of a medical college, approved and accredited by the American Medical Association (AMA) or its Liaison Committee on Medical Education, or an osteopathic college approved and accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), must present a certificate with his/her application evidencing the satisfactory completion of one (1) year of postgraduate training in a program which is approved and accredited to teach postgraduate medical education by the accreditation counsel on graduate medical education of the AMA or the education committee of the AOA
- (2) (A) Applicant has received a passing score on any of the following:
  - a. 1. A licensing examination administered in one (1) or more states or territories of the United States or the District of Columbia;
  - b. 2. Components 1 and 2 of the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) before January 1, 1994; or
  - c. 3. Each of the three (3) Steps of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) within a seven- (7-) year period. Applicant shall not be deemed to have received a passing score on any Step of the USMLE unless applicant has received a passing score on that Step within three (3) attempts. Failure to pass any USMLE Step shall be considered a failure to pass that Step for purposes of Missouri licensure, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the Step was administered; or
  - d. 4. One (1) of the hybrid combinations of FLEX, USMLE, NBME (National Board of Medical Examiners), and NBOE (National Board of Osteopathic Examiners (currently known as the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners)) examinations as set forth here, if completed before January 1, 2000—
    - i. NBOE Part I, NBME Part I, or
    - ii. USMLE Step 1 plus NBOE Part II, NBME Part II, or
    - iii. USMLE Step 2 plus NBOE Part III, NBME Part III, or
    - iv. USMLE Step 3 or
    - v. FLEX Component I plus USMLE Step 3 or
    - vi. NBOE Part I, NBME Part I, or
    - vii. USMLE Step 1 plus NBOE Part II, NBME Part II, or

viii. USMLE Step 2 plus FLEX Component 2

Please visit [State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts](#) for more information.

## **Montana**

Montana Board of Medical Examiners  
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301 South Park, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Helena, Montana 59620-0513

Phone: (406) 444-5773

Contact: [dlibsmed@mt.gov](mailto:dlibsmed@mt.gov)

### **Montana Requirements**

#### **LICENSING REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must be a graduate of a medical school approved by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or the Council for Medical Education of the American Medical Association (AMA).
- U.S. graduates must have successfully completed a Board-approved post-graduate residency program.
- Foreign graduates must complete at least 3 years post-graduate training in an approved program in the United States or Canada or been granted board certification by a specialty board which is approved by AMA or AOA.
- Foreign graduates must provide a certificate from the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG, [www.ecfm.org](http://www.ecfm.org)) and from the Fifth Pathway Program, if applicable.
- Must have passed a licensing exam, approved by the Board, with a score of at least 75% on all portions of the examination. Please refer to the Board statutes and rules (ARM 24.156.606) for specific information regarding examination information and limits on attempts.
- Must be of good moral character. FEES: \$500.00 Application Fee Make payable to Montana Board of Medical Examiners

Please visit [Montana Board of Medical Examiners](#) for more information.



## **Nebraska**

Department of Health and Human Services  
301 Centennial Mall South  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

Phone: (402) 471-3121

### **Nebraska Requirements**

#### **88-003.01 Qualifications 88-003.01A**

To receive a license to practice medicine and surgery by examination on the basis of education received at an accredited school or college of medicine, an individual must meet the following qualifications:

1. Age and Good Character: Be at least 19 years old and of good character;
2. Citizenship/Lawful Presence: Be a citizen of the United States, an alien lawfully admitted into the United States who is eligible for a credential under the Uniform Credentialing Act, or a nonimmigrant lawfully present in the United States who is eligible for a credential under the Uniform Credentialing Act;
3. Education: Have graduated from an accredited school or college of medicine;
4. Graduate Medical Education: Have successfully completed one year of approved graduate medical education;
5. Examination: Have successfully passed a licensing examination; and
6. Experience: Meet one of the following within the three years immediately preceding the application for licensure:
  - a. Have been in the active practice of the profession of medicine and surgery in some other state, a territory, the District of Columbia, or Canada for a period of one year; or
  - b. Have had at least one year of approved graduate medical education; or
  - c. Have completed continuing medical education approved by the Board; or
  - d. Have completed a refresher course in medicine and surgery approved by the Board; or
  - e. Have completed the special purposes examination approved by the Board.

Please visit [Department of Health and Human Services](#) for more information.

## **Nevada**

Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
2275 Corporate Circle, Suite 210  
Henderson, NV 89074

Phone: (702) 732-2147

### **Nevada Requirements**

#### **NRS 633.311 Qualifications of applicants for license to practice osteopathic medicine.**

- Except as otherwise provided in [NRS 633.315](#) and [633.381](#) to [633.419](#), inclusive, an applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine may be issued a license by the Board if:
  - The applicant is 21 years of age or older;
  - The applicant is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States;
  - The applicant is a graduate of a school of osteopathic medicine;
  - The applicant:
    - Has graduated from a school of osteopathic medicine before 1995 and has completed:
      - A hospital internship; or
      - One year of postgraduate training that complies with the standards of intern training established by the American Osteopathic Association;
    - Has completed 3 years, or such other length of time as required by a specific program, of postgraduate medical education as a resident in the United States or Canada in a program approved by the Board, the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; or
    - Is a resident who is enrolled in a postgraduate training program in this State, has completed 24 months of the program and has committed, in writing, that he or she will complete the program;
- The applicant applies for the license as provided by law
- The applicant passes:
  - All parts of the licensing examination of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners;
  - All parts of the licensing examination of the Federation of State Medical Boards;
  - All parts of the licensing examination of the Board, a state, territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and is certified by

- a specialty board of the American Osteopathic Association or by the American Board of Medical Specialties; or
- A combination of the parts of the licensing examinations specified in subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3) that is approved by the Board;
- The applicant pays the fees provided for in this chapter; and
- The applicant submits all information required to complete an application for a license.

Please visit [Nevada Legislature](#) for more information.

2. An applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine may satisfy the requirements for postgraduate education or training prescribed by paragraph (d) of subsection 1:

(a) In one or more approved postgraduate programs, which may be conducted at one or more facilities in this State or, except for a resident who is enrolled in a postgraduate training program in this State pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1, in the District of Columbia or another state or territory of the United States;

(b) In one or more approved specialties or disciplines;

(c) In nonconsecutive months; and

(d) At any time before receiving his or her license.

## **New Hampshire**

New Hampshire Board of Medicine  
Office of Professional Licensure & Certification  
121 South Fruit Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Phone: (603) 271-2152

### **New Hampshire Requirements**

#### **329:12 Qualifications of Licensees.**

Applicants for licensure shall:

- Pay a fee established by the board.
- Submit an application in a form prescribed by the board which shall be verified by oath.
- Submit a complete set of fingerprints and a criminal history record release form pursuant to RSA 329:11-a.
- Demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the board that the applicant:
  - Is 21 years of age or older;
  - Is of good professional character;
  - Has completed at least 2 years of college course work or its equivalent.
  - Has studied the treatment of human ailments in a medical school maintaining at the time of such studies a standard satisfactory to the Accreditation Council for Medical Education and has graduated from such school or has studied medicine in a medical school located outside the United States which is recognized by the United Nations World Health Organization (UNWHO) and had such studies confirmed by Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) Certification;
  - Has completed at least 2 years of postgraduate training approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, or its equivalent as determined by the board. Each applicant who has graduated from an accredited medical school prior to January 1, 1970, is required to have satisfactorily completed at least 12 months in a graduate educational program approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, the Canadian Medical Association, or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
  - Has successfully passed one of the following sets of examinations:
    - National Board of Medical/Osteopathic Examiners examinations.
    - Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX).
    - United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).
    - Medical Council of Canada Examination (LMCC).

The board may waive the examination requirement for any applicant who has satisfactorily passed all examinations and requirements to become board certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

Please visit [New Hampshire Statutes](#) for more information.

## **New Jersey**

Board of Medical Examiners  
124 Halsey Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Phone: (973) 504-6200

Contact: [InitialApplications@dca.lps.state.nj.us](mailto:InitialApplications@dca.lps.state.nj.us)

### **New Jersey Requirements**

#### **Educational Requirements:**

- 4 years in board approved osteopathic college

#### **Postgraduate Training:**

- Graduated from medical school prior to July 1, 2003: 1 year AOA or ACGME-approved program; graduated after July 1, 2003: 2 years of AOA or ACGME approved postgraduate training and has signed a contract for a 3rd year (2 years must be in the same field or would, when considered together, be credited toward the criteria for certification by a single specialty board recognized by ABMS or AOA).

#### **Examinations Accepted:**

- COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, individual state licensing examinations taken prior to December 31, 1972

License Fee: \$610

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Applicants must start at beginning of application process. Interview may be required. Special Licenses: None

Please visit [American Osteopathic Association](http://www.americanosteopathic.org) for more information.

## **New Mexico**

Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners  
Toney Anaya Building  
2550 Cerrillos Road, Second Floor  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Phone: (505) 476-4622

Contact: [Osteoboard@state.nm.us](mailto:Osteoboard@state.nm.us)

### **New Mexico Requirements**

#### ***Application For Licensure***

Application: All persons seeking licensure shall submit application on forms provided by the board. All application forms must be verified under oath and shall contain but shall not be limited to the following information and documents:

- full legal name;
- present mailing address;
- date and place of birth;
- date and location of all baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate training, professional training, medical training, degrees obtained, and field(s) of study;
- certification of dean of osteopathic school with school seal affixed;
- certification of one year of post-graduate training;
- two letters of reference from two physicians who have known the applicant in a professional and personal capacity for at least one year;
- a photograph taken within the preceding six months attached to the application;
- notarized copy of medical diploma;
- notarized copy of internship certificate;
- clearance from other state boards where licensed stating that license has not been subject to disciplinary action;
- clearance from the American osteopathic association, the federation of state medical boards of the United States;
- NBOE, FLEX, COMLEX or USMLE scores sent directly to the board.

Please visit [Board of Osteopathic Medicine](#) for more information.

## **New York**

New York State Education Department

Office of the Professions

P.O. Box 22063

Albany, NY 12201

Phone: (518) 474-3004

### **New York Requirements**

#### **General Requirements**

Any use of the title "Physician" or practice of medicine within New York State requires licensure. (However, under specified limitations defined in [Section 6526](#) of New York State Education Law, you may be exempt from licensure.)

To be licensed as a physician in New York State you must:

- be of good moral character;
- be at least 21 years of age; and
- meet education, examination and experience requirements.

You must file an application for licensure and the other forms indicated, along with the appropriate fee, to the Office of the Professions at the address specified on each form. It is your responsibility to follow up with anyone you have asked to send us material.

#### **Education Requirements**

To satisfy the education requirements for licensure as a physician, you must present evidence of both A and B below.

##### **A. Preprofessional Education:**

Satisfactory completion of 60 semester hours of college study from a New York State registered program or the equivalent as determined by the New York State Education Department.

##### **B. Professional Education:**

###### **1. Graduates of Registered or Accredited Medical Programs**

Satisfactory completion of a medical program registered by the New York State Education Department as licensure-qualifying\* or accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical



Education (LCME) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and have received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, or the equivalent.

## **Experience**

### Postgraduate Training Requirements

#### I. Graduates of Registered or Accredited Medical Programs

If you graduated from a NYS- registered or LCME- or AOA-accredited medical program, you must complete at least one year of postgraduate hospital training in an accredited residency program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the American Osteopathic Association, or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

## **Examination Requirements**

The current examinations required for licensure as a physician in New York State are either:

- Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)  
OR
- Part I, Part II, and Part III of the examinations of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME)

Other Acceptable Examination Combinations (NBME, FLEX, USMLE)

Please visit [State Department of Education](#) for more information.

## **North Carolina**

North Carolina Medical Board  
1203 Front Street  
Raleigh, NC 27619-0007

Phone: (919) 326-1100

### **North Carolina Requirements**

#### **Educational Requirements:**

- Except for graduates of foreign medical schools, applicants must have graduated from a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or the Committee for the Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools.

**Postgraduate Training:** 1 year

#### **Examinations Accepted:**

- COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, NBME, LMCC, MCQUE, state board written exam  
Other Requirements: Physicians who have been out of clinical practice for 2 or more years may be required to develop a “re-entry” plan as part of their application.

**License Fee:** \$440 (includes criminal background record check fee - \$38)

#### **CME Requirements:**

- All physicians, except those holding a residency training license, shall complete at least 60 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 CME relevant to the physician's current or intended specialty or area of practice every three years. Beginning on July 1, 2017, every physician who prescribes controlled substances, except those holding a residency training license, shall complete at least three hours of CME, from the required 60 hours of Category 1 CME, that is designed specifically to address controlled substance prescribing practices. The controlled substance prescribing CME shall include instruction on controlled substance prescribing practices, recognizing signs of the abuse or misuse of controlled substances, and controlled substance prescribing for chronic pain management. A physician who is continuously engaged in a program of recertification, or maintenance of certification, from an ABMS, AOA or RCPSC specialty board shall be deemed to have satisfied his or her entire CME requirement for that three year cycle. Any physician who qualifies for the aforementioned exemption and who, as part of their recertification or maintenance of certification process, completed CME that specifically satisfies the controlled substance prescribing CME requirement is not required to take controlled-substance prescribing CME beyond that included in their MOC process.

Please visit [North Carolina Medical Board](#) for more information.

## **North Dakota**

North Dakota Board of Medicine  
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Bismarck, ND 58501

Phone: (701) 328-6500

### **North Dakota Requirements**

Every applicant for license shall file a completed application, on forms provided by the board, showing to the board's satisfaction that the applicant is of good moral character and satisfies all of the requirements of this chapter including:

- Successful completion of a medical licensure examination satisfactory to the board;
- Physical, mental, and professional capability for the practice of medicine in a manner acceptable to the board; and
- A history free of any finding by the board, any other state medical licensure board, or any court of competent jurisdiction of the commission of any act that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under North Dakota law; the board may modify this restriction for cause.

Possession of the degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy from a medical school located in the U.S., its possessions, territories, or Canada, approved by the Board or by an accrediting body approved by the Board at the time the degree was conferred.

Successful completion of one year of postgraduate training in the U.S. or Canada in a program approved by the Board or by an accrediting body approved by the Board.

Licensure by a state-constructed written examination in North Dakota or in another state; or successful completion of one of the following licensing examinations or acceptable combinations thereof: FLEX (Federation Licensing Examination), NBME (National Board of Medicine), LMCC (Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada), USMLE (United States Medical Licensing Examination), NBOME (National Board of Osteopathic Medicine), or COMLEX (Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination). An applicant is permitted a maximum of three attempts to pass each step or part or component of a licensing examination. The examination requirements must be successfully completed within a seven (7) year period.

Upon review of an individual applicant, the board may allow an exception to this rule if it finds that it is in the best interest of the state and the applicant:

- Is validly licensed as a physician in another state;
- Has practiced a minimum of ten years;
- Has no disciplinary actions imposed by any other state medical licensing board

- Is certified by a specialty board recognized by the American board of medical specialties or by the royal college of physicians and surgeons of Canada; and
- Meets the requirement of section 50-02-11-02, regarding the time limit for examination attempts.

Please visit [North Dakota Board of Medicine](#) for more information.

## Ohio

State Medical Board of Ohio  
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### Ohio Requirements

#### **4731-6-14 Eligibility for licensure by examination.**

- The board shall issue its certificate to each individual who passes the medical and osteopathic examination as provided in rules 4731-6-03, 4731-6-05 and 4731-6-07 of the Administrative Code; who has completed the graduate medical education required by sections 4731.091, 4731.092 and 4731.14 of the Revised Code; who demonstrates proficiency in spoken English as required by section 4731.142 of the Revised Code; and who has paid the certificate issuance fee required by section 4731.14 of the Revised Code.
- If the applicant passed the USMLE step 3 administered by the USMLE program or the COMLEX-USA level 3 administered by the COMLEX-USA program for Ohio, the board shall deny issuance of a certificate if it finds that the applicant does not meet the requirements of section 4731.08, 4731.09 or 4731.091 of the Revised Code or the applicable provisions of this chapter of the Administrative Code.
- An applicant for a certificate to practice medicine or surgery, or osteopathic medicine and surgery who has not previously held a license from another state is eligible for consideration under section 4731.14 of the Revised Code without board examination in Ohio if the applicant otherwise meets the eligibility requirements as set forth in sections 4731.09, 4731.091, 4731.14 and 4731.142 of the Revised Code for licensure by board examination in Ohio and has passed one of the following examinations:
  - One of the following examination sequences, with all steps, parts, levels or components having been administered prior to January 2000. The score achieved on each step, part, level or component must have equaled or exceeded the figure established by the USMLE program, the national board of medical examiners, the national board of osteopathic medical examiners or the federation as a passing score for that step, part, level or component, respectively.
    - Part I of the national board of medical examiners examination or step 1 of the USMLE, part II of the national board of medical examiners examination or step 2 of the USMLE, and part III of the national board of medical examiners examination or step 3 of the USMLE or component 2 of the FLEX; or

- Part I of the national board of osteopathic medical examiners examination or level 1 of the COMLEX-USA, part II of the national board of osteopathic medical examiners examination or level 2 of the COMLEX-USA, and part III of the national board of osteopathic medical examiners examination or level 3 of the COMLEX-USA.
- Component 1 of the FLEX and step 3 of the USMLE. The component and step must have been administered prior to January 2000. A performance of seventy-five or above must have been achieved on component 1. The performance achieved on step 3 must have been recognized by the USMLE program as a recommended passing performance; or
- USMLE steps 1, 2 clinical knowledge, 2 clinical skills and 3 or COMLEX-USA levels 1, 2 cognitive evaluation, 2 performance evaluation and 3.
  - An applicant shall have passed the USMLE steps 1, 2 clinical knowledge, 2 clinical skills and 3 or COMLEX-USA levels 1, 2 cognitive evaluation, 2 performance evaluation and 3 within a ten-year period, and achieved a recognized passing performance by the USMLE program on each step or step component or NBOME on each level. No applicant shall have failed any step or level more than five times.
  - The board may grant a good cause waiver to any applicant that does not meet the requirements of paragraph (C)(3)(a) of this rule, if the applicant meets the following:
    - Holds current specialty board certification from the American board of medical specialties or the American osteopathic association; or
    - Demonstrates good cause, as determined by the board, for not having passed all three steps or levels within the ten year period, and otherwise meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (C)(3)(a) of this rule.
  - USMLE steps 1, 2 clinical knowledge, 2 clinical skills and 3 and COMLEX-USA levels 1, 2 cognitive evaluation, 2 performance evaluation and 3 cannot be combined to fulfill an acceptable testing sequence as required by paragraph (C)(3)(a) of this rule; or
- Component 1 and 2 of the FLEX. Both components must have been administered prior to January 2000. The score achieved on each component must have equaled or exceeded the figure established by the FLEX program as a passing score for that component.

Please visit [Ohio Laws and Rules](#) for more information.

## **Oklahoma**

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Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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### **Oklahoma Requirements**

510:10-3-1. General licensure requirements

#### **Licensure by Board required.**

It is the general requirement in the State of Oklahoma that practitioners of osteopathic medicine and surgery be licensed by the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

#### **Postgraduate training.**

One year of postgraduate training is a requirement for full licensure. This experience must be in the form of a rotating internship or its equivalent, in an accredited internship or residency program acceptable to the Board. To be deemed equivalent to a rotating internship and, acceptable to the Board, a program must provide the following:

- The program must provide the following core experience:
  - One (1) month - General Practice
  - Two (2) months - General Internal Medicine
  - One (1) month - General Surgery
  - One (1) month - Obstetrics/Gynecology
  - One (1) month - Pediatrics
- This core experience must be supplemented by three (3) months of Selectives and three (3) months of Electives, accounting for a total of twelve (12) months. A Selective may be defined as any core category or Emergency Medicine. An Elective may be any category of experience chosen by the intern or resident.
- If an applicant has completed an ACGME accredited residency training program, the Board shall consider this standing as equivalent training.

510:10-3-3. Licensure by examination

- **Examination Requirements.** To be consistent with the expressed public policy of the State of Oklahoma affecting the licensure of osteopathic physicians and surgeons under the provisions of the Osteopathic Medicine Act candidates for licensure must be examined by a vehicle which tests the individual's basic osteopathic knowledge and skill embracing the same philosophy as that in which the candidate was educated.
- **Postgraduate training.** An applicant must take the National examination before completing the required year of postgraduate training, provided that no license will be issued until evidence of the satisfactory completion of that year is filed with the Board.

- **National examinations; failure of examination.** Any person seeking licensure as an osteopathic physician and surgeon by taking the National examination must meet all other requirements.
- **National examination.** Candidates may be licensed upon the successful completion of the examination sequence of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners or the National Board of Medical Examiners. The candidate must submit proof of having achieved a Minimum Total Passing Score or above on tests administered through the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners or the National Board of Medical Examiners

Please visit [State Board of Medical Examiners](#) for more information.



## **Oregon**

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### **Oregon Requirements**

#### **677.100 Qualifications of applicant for license.**

An applicant for a license to practice medicine in this state, except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, must possess the following qualifications:

- Have attended and graduated from a school of medicine.
- Have satisfactorily completed the following post-graduate requirement:
  - Satisfactory completion of an approved rotating internship if a graduate of an approved school of medicine;
  - One year of training in an approved program if a graduate of an approved school of medicine; or
  - Three years of training in an approved program if a graduate of an unapproved school of medicine.
- Have complied with each rule of the Oregon Medical Board which applies to all similar applicants for a license to practice medicine in this state.
- Have provided evidence sufficient to prove to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant is of good moral character. For purposes of this section, the lack of good moral character may be established by reference to acts or conduct that reflect moral turpitude or to acts or conduct which would cause a reasonable person to have substantial doubts about the individual's honesty, fairness and respect for the rights of others and for the laws of the state and the nation. The acts or conduct in question must be rationally connected to the applicant's fitness to practice medicine.

If an applicant establishes that the applicant is of good moral character and has qualifications which the board determines are the equivalent of the qualifications required by subsection (1)(a) to (c) of this section, the applicant satisfies the requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

Please visit [Oregon Legislature](#) for more information.

## **Pennsylvania**

State Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
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### **Pennsylvania Requirements**

#### **§ 25.241. Unrestricted license by examination.**

To secure an unrestricted license for the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery by examination, the applicant shall meet the following educational and professional requirements. The applicant shall have:

- Graduated from an approved osteopathic medical college.
- Received passing scores on Parts I, II and III of the National Board Examination. The applicant shall pay the required examination fee at the direction of the National Board.
- Received a passing score on the practical examination in osteopathic diagnosis and manipulative therapy developed and administered by the Board or a designated professional testing organization.
- Successfully completed an approved internship.
- Complied with the malpractice insurance requirements of the Health Care Services Malpractice Act (40 P. S. § § 1301.101—1301.1006) and regulations thereunder.
- Completed an application obtained from the Board detailing education and experience and indicating compliance with the applicable provisions of the act and this chapter, submitted with the required fees.

Please visit [Pennsylvania Code](#) for more information.

## **Rhode Island**

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### **Rhode Island Requirements**

#### **§ 5-37-2. License to practice – Qualifications of applicants – Fee – Reexamination.**

- (a)(1) Authority to practice allopathic or osteopathic medicine under this chapter shall be by a license issued by the director of the department of health to any reputable physician who intends to practice allopathic or osteopathic medicine in this state, and who meets the requirements for licensure established in this chapter and regulations established by the board or by the director. Applicants for licensure shall present satisfactory evidence of graduation from a medical school or school of osteopathic medicine approved by the board and in good standing, shall meet post graduate training requirements and any other requirements that the board or director establishes by regulation, and shall pass in a satisfactory manner any examination that the board may require. Any physician applying for licensure shall pay a non refundable application fee and when applicable a reexamination fee for each reexamination, in a total amount as set forth in § 23-1-54.
- A license to practice allopathic medicine shall be issued to persons who have graduated from a school of medicine, possess a degree of doctor of medicine (or meet the requirements of subsection (b) of this section), and meet the requirements for licensure.
- A license to practice osteopathic medicine shall be issued to persons who have graduated from a school of osteopathic medicine and possess a degree of doctor of osteopathy and otherwise meet the requirements for licensure. A license to practice osteopathic medicine shall confer upon the holder the right to practice osteopathic medicine in all its branches as taught and practiced in accredited colleges of osteopathic medicine. The holder of that license shall be subject to the same duties and liabilities and entitled to the same rights and privileges, which may be imposed by law or governmental regulation, upon physicians of any school of medicine.

#### **Qualification of Certain Other Applicants for License.**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section an individual, who at the time of his or her enrollment in a medical school outside the United States is a citizen of the United States, shall be eligible to apply for a certificate pursuant to this section if he or she has satisfied the following requirements:

- Has studied medicine in a medical school located outside the United States, which is recognized by the World Health Organization;

- Has completed all of the formal requirements of the foreign medical school except internship and/or social service;
- Has attained a score satisfactory to a medical school approved by the liaison committee on medical education on a qualifying examination acceptable to the state board for medicine, and has satisfactorily completed one academic year of supervised clinical training under the direction of any United States medical school;
- Has completed the post-graduate hospital training required by the board of applicants for licensure; and
- Has passed the examination required by the board of all applicants for licensure.

Satisfaction of the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection is in lieu of the completion of any foreign internship and/or social service requirements, and no such requirements are a condition of licensure as a physician in this state.

Satisfaction of the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection is in lieu of certification by the educational council for foreign medical graduates, and this certification is not a condition of licensure as a physician in this state.

No hospital licensed by this state, or operated by the state or a political subdivision of the state, or which receives state financial assistance, directly or indirectly, requires an individual, who at the time of his or her enrollment in a medical school outside the United States is a citizen of the United States, to satisfy any requirements other than those contained in paragraphs (1)(i), (ii), and (iii) of this subsection prior to commencing an internship or residency.

A document granted by a medical school located outside the United States which is recognized by the World Health Organization issued after the completion of all the formal requirements of that foreign medical school except internship and/or social service, upon certification by the medical school in which this training was received of satisfactory completion by the person to whom this document was issued of the requirements in paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection, shall be deemed the equivalent of a degree of doctor of medicine for purposes of licensure and practice as a physician in this state.

No funds appropriated by the general assembly to any school or college of medicine shall be disbursed until the director of the department of health has certified that this school or college has established, and will maintain until December 31, 1989, a clinical training program as contemplated by paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection, to accommodate residents of this state deemed qualified by that school or college of medicine consistent with that school's or college's educational resources.

Please visit [Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline](#) for more information.

## **South Carolina**

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### **South Carolina Requirements**

**SECTION 40-47-32.** Permanent licenses; requirements; examinations; post-graduate medical residency training requirements; fee.

(A) To obtain a permanent license to practice medicine in this State an applicant shall comply with the requirements of this section.

(B)(1) An applicant shall document to the satisfaction of the board graduation from a:

(a) medical school located in the United States or Canada that is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or other accrediting body approved by the board;

(b) school of osteopathic medicine located in the United States or Canada accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation or other accrediting body approved by the board;

(c) medical school located outside the United States or Canada.

(2) An applicant who graduated from a medical school located outside of the United States shall:

(a)(i) possess a permanent Standard Certificate from the Education Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG); and

(ii) document a minimum of three years of progressive postgraduate medical residency training in the United States approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or postgraduate training in Canada approved by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, except that if an applicant has been actively licensed in another state for the preceding five years or more without significant disciplinary action, the applicant need only document one year of postgraduate residency training approved by the board; or

(b)(i) document successful completion of a Fifth Pathway program; and

(ii) complete a minimum of three years progressive postgraduate medical residency training in the United States approved by the ACGME or AOA or postgraduate training in Canada approved by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons or be board eligible or board certified by a specialty board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the AOA, or another organization approved by the board;

(c) notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the board may waive the ECFMG or Fifth Pathway requirement if the applicant is to have a full-time academic faculty appointment at the rank of assistant professor or greater at a medical school in this State.

(C) An applicant shall document to the satisfaction of the board successful completion of:

- (1) all parts of the National Board of Medical Examiners Examination in approved sequence;
- (2) all parts of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners Examination in approved sequence;
- (3) the Federation Licensing Exam (FLEX) based on standards established by the board;
- (4) the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) based on standards established by the board;
- (5) the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) in approved sequence;
- (6) the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA);
- (7) a written state examination of another state medical, osteopathic, or composite board prior to 1976, and current certification by a specialty board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Osteopathic Association, or another organization approved by the board; or
- (8) combinations of the FLEX, National Board of Medical Examiners, and USMLE acceptable to the Composite Committee of the USMLE and approved by the board. These combinations may be accepted only if taken before 1999.

(D) In addition to meeting all other licensure requirements, an applicant shall pass the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) or the Composite Osteopathic Variable-Purpose Examination (COMVEX), unless the applicant can document within ten years of the date of filing a completed application to the board one of the following:

- (1) National Board of Medical Examiners examination;
- (2) National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners examination;
- (3) FLEX;
- (4) USMLE;
- (5) MCCQE;
- (6) SPEX;
- (7) COMVEX;

(8) COMLEX-USA;

(9) ECFMG;

(10) certification, recertification, or a certificate of added qualification examination by a specialty board recognized by either the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or another organization approved by the board; or

(11) one hundred fifty hours of Category I continuing medical education in the three years preceding the date of the application by an applicant who is currently certified by a specialty board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Osteopathic Association, or other organization approved by the board, which certification is not time limited and does not require recertification by examination. Such Category I continuing medical education must be approved by the American Medical Association or American Osteopathic Association, or other national organization approved by the board, as appropriate. Seventy-five percent of these hours must be related to the applicant's area of specialty. This is the only exception to the ten year requirement of this subsection that does not require an examination or reexamination.

(E) The additional examination required pursuant to subsection (D) must be waived if the applicant is to practice in a position within the South Carolina Department of Corrections, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the South Carolina Department of Mental Health, the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, or the Disability Determination Services Unit of the State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation. A license issued pursuant to this waiver is immediately invalid if the individual leaves that position or acts outside the scope of employment within the department. A change in agency may be approved upon presentation to the board of a copy of a contract in which the individual has been offered a position within the South Carolina Department of Corrections, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the South Carolina Department of Mental Health, the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, or the Disability Determination Services Unit of the State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation.

(F) In addition to the following standards, the board shall establish minimum standards of performance to be attained on examinations for an applicant to qualify for licensure:

(1) For FLEX examinations taken before June 1, 1985, the following standards apply:

(a) An applicant for permanent licensure shall obtain, in one sitting, a FLEX weighted average score of at least seventy-five on the examination.

Please visit [South Carolina Code of Laws](#) for more information.

## **South Dakota**

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### **South Dakota Requirements**

**Educational Requirements:** Primary source verification from a Board approved AOA program

**Postgraduate Training:** Applicants as of July 1, 1987 must successfully complete an approved residency program in its entirety which would be no less than 3 years.

**Examinations Accepted:** COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

**License Fee:** \$400 (2-year renewal)

**Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS):** Highly recommended

**Reciprocity or Endorsement:** None

Please visit [South Dakota Department of Health](http://SouthDakotaDepartmentofHealth) for more information.



## **Tennessee**

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### **Tennessee Requirements**

Before engaging in the practice of osteopathic medicine, a person shall submit an application to the secretary of the board for a certificate of fitness to practice osteopathic medicine on a form prescribed by the board in writing or via online application, which includes:

- The person's name, age, which shall not be less than eighteen (18) years, and residence;
- The name of the school of osteopathic medicine from which the person was graduated, which shall have been in good repute as such at the time of the issuing of the person's diploma, as determined by the board;
- The date of the person's diploma, evidence that such diploma was granted on personal attendance and completion of the course of study approved by the board;
- Such other information as the board may require; and
- Sufficient evidence that the applicant is of good moral character.

- (1) Each applicant shall pay a nonrefundable application fee as set by the board.
- (2) On notice of acceptance, each applicant for examination shall pay an examination fee as set by the board.
- (3) Each applicant accepted by reciprocity will pay a reciprocity fee as set by the board.

### **Initial Licensure As An Osteopathic Physician**

Consideration for initial licensure as a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine requires that the applicant shall submit to the Board the following materials:

- An application from the Board Administrative Office in which the applicant responds truthfully and completely to every question or request for information along with all documentation and fees to the Board Administrative Office. It is the intent of this rule that all activities necessary to accomplish the filing of the required documentation be completed prior to filing a licensure application and that all documentation be filed simultaneously. This form will include the applicant's name, current address, social security number and age (which shall not be less than eighteen years of age).
- A clear and recognizable, recently taken, bust photograph which shows the full head, face forward from at least the top of the shoulders up. The photograph must be signed by the applicant.
- A graduate transcript from an accredited osteopathic medical school in good standing with the American Osteopathic Association at the time of graduation (or its successor). The transcript must be submitted directly from the school to the Board Administrative

Office. The transcript must show that the degree has been conferred based upon the applicant's good repute and personal attendance and must carry the official seal of the institution

- Evidence satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of a one (1) year internship or postgraduate year one (PGY-1) in a hospital approved by the American Osteopathic Association, American Medical Association or its accreditation program for medical education, or the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals. Such evidence shall include the program director's notarized verification of post graduate medical training form included in the Board's application packet.
- Evidence of good moral character. Such evidence shall include at least two (2) letters from physicians who know the applicant and can attest to his or her moral character and professional capability. The letters must be original and on the physician's letterhead.
- Proof of United States or Canadian citizenship or evidence of being legally entitled to live and work in the United States or evidence of citizenship and residency in a N.A.F.T.A. participating country. Such evidence may include notarized copies of birth certificates, naturalization papers or current H-1 visa status, or voter registration.
- The applicable application fee and state regulatory fee as provided in rule 1050-02-.02.
- All applicants shall submit or cause to be submitted a certificate of successful completion of acceptable examination for licensure as governed by rule 1050-02-.06.

Please visit [General Rules and Regulations Governing Practice of Osteopathy](#) for more information.

## **Texas**

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### **Texas Requirements**

#### **Sec.A155.003.AAGENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

To be eligible for a license under this chapter, an applicant must present proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

- is at least 21 years of age;
- is of good professional character and has not violated Section 164.051, 164.052, or 164.053;
- has completed:
  - at least 60 semester hours of college courses, other than courses in medical school, that are acceptable to The University of Texas at Austin for credit on a bachelor of arts degree or a bachelor of science degree;
  - the entire primary, secondary, and premedical education required in the country of medical school graduation, if the medical school is located outside the United States or Canada; or
  - substantially equivalent courses as determined by board rule;
- is a graduate of a medical school located in the United States or Canada and approved by the board;
- has either:
  - successfully completed one year of graduate medical training approved by the board in the United States or Canada; or
  - graduated from a medical school located outside the United States or Canada and has successfully completed two years of graduate medical training approved by the board in the United States or Canada;
- has passed an examination accepted or administered by the board; and
- has passed a Texas medical jurisprudence examination as determined by board rule.

All medical or osteopathic medical education an applicant receives in the United States must be accredited by an accrediting body officially recognized by the United States Department of Education as the accrediting body for medical education leading to the doctor of medicine degree or the doctor of osteopathy degree. This subsection does not apply to postgraduate medical education or training

Please visit [Texas Medical Board](#) for more information.

## **Utah**

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### **Utah Requirements**

#### **58-68-302. Qualifications for licensure.**

An applicant for licensure as an osteopathic physician and surgeon, except as set forth in Subsection (2), shall:

- submit an application in a form prescribed by the division, which may include:
  - submissions by the applicant of information maintained by practitioner data banks, as designated by division rule, with respect to the applicant;
  - a record of professional liability claims made against the applicant and settlements paid by or on behalf of the applicant; and
  - authorization to use a record coordination and verification service approved by the division in collaboration with the board;
- pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- be of good moral character;
- if the applicant is applying to participate in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact under Chapter 67b, Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, consent to a criminal background check in accordance with Section 58-68-302.1 and any requirements established by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- provide satisfactory documentation of having successfully completed a program of professional education preparing an individual as an osteopathic physician and surgeon, as evidenced by:
  - having received an earned degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine from an AOA approved medical school or college; or
  - submitting a current certification by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates or any successor organization approved by the division in collaboration with the board, if the applicant is graduated from an osteopathic medical school or college located outside of the United States or its territories which at the time of the applicant's graduation, met criteria for accreditation by the AOA;
- satisfy the division and board that the applicant:

- has successfully completed 24 months of progressive resident training in an ACGME or AOA approved program after receiving a degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine required under Subsection (1)(e); or
  - has successfully completed 12 months of resident training in an ACGME or AOA approved program after receiving a degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine as required under Subsection (1)(e);
  - has been accepted in and is successfully participating in progressive resident training in an ACGME or AOA approved program within Utah, in the applicant's second or third year of postgraduate training; and
  - has agreed to surrender to the division the applicant's license as an osteopathic physician and surgeon without any proceedings under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, and has agreed the applicant's license as an osteopathic physician and surgeon will be automatically revoked by the division if the applicant fails to continue in good standing in an ACGME or AOA approved progressive resident training program within the state;
- pass the licensing examination sequence required by division rule, as made in collaboration with the board;
- be able to read, write, speak, understand, and be understood in the English language and demonstrate proficiency to the satisfaction of the board, if requested by the board;
- meet with the board and representatives of the division, if requested for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's qualifications for licensure;
- designate:
  - a contact person for access to medical records in accordance with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act; and
  - an alternate contact person for access to medical records, in the event the original contact person is unable or unwilling to serve as the contact person for access to medical records; and
- establish a method for notifying patients of the identity and location of the contact person and alternate contact person, if the applicant will practice in a location with no other persons licensed under this chapter.

Please visit [Utah State Legislature](http://legislature.utah.gov) for more information.

## **Vermont**

Vermont Secretary of State  
Osteopathic Physicians  
89 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Montpelier, VT 05620-3420

Phone: (802) 828-2373

Contact: [aprille.morrison@sec.state.vt.us](mailto:aprille.morrison@sec.state.vt.us)

### **Vermont Requirements**

#### **§ 1831. Qualifications for licensure**

- To be eligible for licensure as an osteopathic physician, an applicant shall have attained the age of majority and shall provide evidence, acceptable to the board, that he or she has satisfactorily completed all of the following:
  - A course of study in osteopathic education from an accredited school or college of osteopathic medicine as evidenced by a graduation certificate.
  - Documentation of no less than one year of an approved program of postgraduate training.
- In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, an applicant shall pass the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination - USA (COMLEX) or the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) or their successor or equivalent examinations approved by the board unless the applicant is exempt from all or a part of the examination under the provisions of section 1832 or 1832a of this title.
- In addition to the requirements of this section, an applicant shall present evidence of good character and competence relating to his or her fitness to practice osteopathic medicine from the chief of service and two other active physician staff members at the hospital or institution where the applicant was last affiliated, if the applicant has been affiliated with a hospital or institution. The board may seek evidence relating to the character and competence of the applicant from other sources. At the discretion of the board, the applicant may present evidence relating to character and competence from different sources.

#### **§ 1832. Examination**

- The board or its designee shall administer examinations to applicants for licensure at least twice each year if applications are pending. Examinations shall be designed and implemented to ensure that all applicants are admitted to practice unless there is good reason to believe that practice by a particular applicant would be inconsistent with the public health, safety, and welfare; they shall not be designed for the purpose of limiting the number of licensees.

Please visit [Vermont Statutes](#) for more information.

## **Virginia**

Board of Medicine  
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Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463

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Contact: [medbd@dhp.virginia.gov](mailto:medbd@dhp.virginia.gov)

### **Virginia Requirements**

#### **18VAC85-20-120. Prerequisites to licensure.**

Every applicant for licensure shall:

- Meet the educational requirements specified in 18VAC85-20-121 or 18VAC85-20-122 and the examination requirements as specified for each profession in 18VAC85-20-140;
- File the complete application and appropriate fee as specified in 18VAC85-20-22 with the executive director of the board; and
- File the required credentials with the executive director as specified below:
  - Graduates of an approved institution shall file:
    - Documentary evidence that he received a degree from the institution; and
    - A complete chronological record of all professional activities since graduation from professional school, giving location, dates, and types of services performed.
  - Graduates of an institution not approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the board shall file:
    - Documentary evidence of education as required by 18VAC85-20-122;
    - A translation made and endorsed by a consul or by a professional translating service of all such documents not in the English language; and
    - A complete chronological record of all professional activities since graduation from professional school, giving location, dates, and types of services performed.

#### **18VAC85-20-140. Examinations, general.**

- A Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathic Medicine who has passed the examination of the National Board of Medical Examiners or of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, Federation Licensing Examination, or the United States Medical Licensing Examination, or the examination of the Licensing Medical Council of Canada or other such examinations as prescribed in [§54.1-2913.1](#) of the Code of Virginia may be accepted for licensure.

Please visit [Virginia Board of Medicine](#) for more information.

## **Washington**

Washington State Department of Health  
20425 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South, Building 2, Suite 310  
Kent, WA 98032

Phone: (800) 525-0127

### **Washington Requirements**

#### **Licenses—Application requirements.**

- A license shall be issued by the secretary authorizing the holder to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery. In order to procure a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, the applicant must provide the board evidence that a diploma has been issued to the applicant by an accredited school of osteopathic medicine and surgery, approved by the board. The application shall be made upon a form prepared by the secretary, with the approval of the board, and it shall contain such information concerning said osteopathic medical instruction and the preliminary education of the applicant as the board may by rule provide. Applicants who have failed to meet the requirements must be rejected.
- An applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery must furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she has served for not less than one year in a postgraduate training program approved by the board.
- In addition, the applicant may be required to furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she is physically and mentally capable of safely carrying on the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery. The board may require any applicant to submit to such examination or examinations as it deems necessary to determine an applicant's physical and/or mental capability to safely practice osteopathic medicine and surgery. The applicant shall also show that he or she has not been guilty of any conduct which would constitute grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of such license under the laws of the state of Washington.
- Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the board from requiring such additional information from applicants as it deems necessary.
- Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require any applicant for licensure, or any licensee, as a requisite of retaining or renewing licensure under this chapter, to be a member of any political and/or professional organization.

#### **Examinations.**

Applicants for a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery must successfully complete an examination prepared or approved by the board. The examination shall be conducted in the English language, shall determine the applicant's fitness to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, and may be in whole or in part in writing or by practical application on those general subjects and topics of which knowledge is commonly and generally required of applicants who have obtained the doctor of osteopathic medicine and surgery conferred by



accredited schools of osteopathic medicine and surgery approved by the board. If an examination does not encompass the subject of osteopathic principles and practice, the applicant shall be required to complete the board-administered examination. The board may prepare and administer or approve preparation and administration of examinations on such subjects as the board deems advisable. The examination papers of any examination administered by the board shall form a part of the applicant's records and shall be retained as determined by the secretary for a period of not less than one year. All applicants for examination or reexamination shall comply with administrative procedures, administrative requirements, and fees determined as provided in RCW [43.70.250](#) and [43.70.280](#).

Please visit [Washington State Legislature](#) for more information.

## West Virginia

West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
405 Capitol Street #402  
Charleston, WV 25301

Phone: (304) 558-6095

### West Virginia Requirements

With the application, you will also need to:

- Arrange for your **National Board Scores** to be sent directly to the Board office from the [National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners](#) in Illinois (1-773-714-0622).
- Mail or upload a copy of your **Medical School Diploma**.
- Download a [Medical School Verification](#) form.
  - Fill in the top portion with the pertinent information.
  - Copy and forward it to **each medical school** you have attended for them to complete and return to our office.
- Download a [Postgraduate Education Verification](#) form.
  - Fill in the top portion with the pertinent information.
  - Copy and forward it to **each hospital** where you participated in any postgraduate training program for them to complete and return to our office.
- Provide documentation of completion of the first year of postdoctoral training (copy of **Intern Certificate** or **Letter from Director of Medical Education program**).
  - One year of clinical training must be in a program approved by the American Osteopathic Association, which may also include a program approved under the Association's Resolution 42 procedure;
  - OR
  - Postgraduate clinical training in a program approved by the ACGME and 40 hours of CME in osteopathic medicine with osteopathic manipulative treatment in courses approved, and classified as category 1A by the AOA (with at least 25% of those hours on hands-on osteopathic manipulation)
- Download a [License Verification](#) form or visit [www.veridoc.org](http://www.veridoc.org) to request verification of licensure online.
  - Fill in the top portion with the pertinent information
  - Copy and forward it to all states in which you are, or have been licensed, in order for them to complete and send the request to our office.
  - **Training licenses** must also be verified as well as full **DO licenses**.
- Mail or upload documentation of **name change** (e.g. marriage certificate or divorce document).
  - Note: If your name has changed, and any of your licensure documentation (internship certificate, medical school diploma, other licensure certificates, etc.) shows a different

name, you will need to provide documentation of this change (e.g. marriage certificate or divorce document).

- Mail or upload a [Malpractice Liability Claims](#) form(s).
- Upload a recent (within 60 days) passport quality color **Photograph**.
- Submit a \$400.00 **Application Fee**.
- Submit a **Processing Fee** that is 2.25% of the total fee.
- Effective July 1, 2017 any new applicant must obtain a **Criminal Background Check**. Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 24 CSR 2-3.3.j. Present to one of the 31 Identogo Centers in West Virginia [www.identogo.com](http://www.identogo.com) or MorphoTrust in South Charleston, West Virginia. Advise them the reports are to be sent to WV Board of Osteopathic Medicine. The cost will be \$44.50.
  - There has been a recent informational update regarding the fingerprinting options.
  - State and Federal reports are required.
  - **You will need the Service Code: 228QBF in order to process the fingerprints.**

Please visit [WV Board of Osteopathic Medicine](#) for more information.

## Wisconsin

Department of Safety and Professional Services  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
Madison, WI 53705

Phone: (608) 266-2112

### Wisconsin Requirements

Every person applying for regular license to practice medicine and surgery shall make application therefor on forms provided for this purpose by the board and shall submit to the board the following:

- A completed and verified application form.
- Verified documentary evidence of graduation from a medical or osteopathic school approved by the board. The board recognizes as approved those medical or osteopathic schools accredited at the time of the applicant's graduation therefrom by the American Osteopathic Association, or the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, or their successor
- Verification of satisfactory completion by the applicant of 24 months of postgraduate training in one or more programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the American Osteopathic Association, or a successor organization; or documentary evidence that the applicant is currently enrolled in a postgraduate training program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the American Osteopathic Association, or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or a successor organization and has received credit for 12 consecutive months of postgraduate training in that program and an unrestricted endorsement from the postgraduate training director that the applicant is expected to complete at least 24 months of postgraduate training
- An unmounted photograph, approximately 8 by 12 cm., of the applicant taken not more than 60 days prior to the date of application and bearing on the reverse side the statement of a notary public that such photograph is a true likeness of the applicant.
- A verified statement that the applicant is familiar with the state health laws and the rules of the department of health services as related to communicable diseases.

Please visit [Wisconsin Legislature](#) for more information.

## **Wyoming**

Wyoming Board of Medicine  
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Cheyenne, WY 82002

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### **Wyoming Requirements**

#### **Section 4. Eligibility for licensure.**

General requirements.

- To be eligible for consideration for licensure, an applicant shall submit an application on the form or forms supplied or approved in advance by the board.
- Any application, to be eligible for consideration, shall be accompanied by the required fee in immediately negotiable funds.
- For an application to be considered complete, all documents, reports and related materials must be received in the board's office and meet all requirements set forth in the Act and the rules adopted by the board.
- References shall be submitted on a form approved, and contain information as specified, by the board.
  - Three (3) original references from physicians are required including at least two (2) from physicians with whom the applicant has practiced medicine within the past three (3) years. In exceptional circumstances the board may waive one (1) or more of the required reference letters. References from physicians with whom the applicant has a current or prospective financial, business or family relationship are not acceptable.
  - All references shall be on a form prescribed by the board, dated within six (6) months of the application date and signed by the referring physician.
  - If a submitted reference is incomplete or otherwise fails to provide sufficient information about the applicant, an applicant may be required to submit one or more references in addition to those required in subparagraph (A).
- An application, to be considered, shall be complete in all respects no later than fifteen (15) business days prior to the licensure interview date, should a licensure interview be required by these rules.
- The board shall issue a written notice of ineligibility to any applicant who does not meet the eligibility requirements, or has otherwise failed to submit an application which meets the requirements, of the act or these rules.
- Applications shall remain on active status for six (6) calendar months from the date the application document is received in the board office. The applicant is eligible for a licensure interview with the board, if one is required by these rules, at any time within the six (6) month period following the date the application is complete pursuant to Ch. 1, Section 4(a)(iii) of these rules.

- Pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1621, any applicant for licensure shall verify his or her lawful presence in the United States on a form approved or prescribed by the board.
- Any applicant for licensure or renewal of licensure shall, pursuant to W.S. 33-1-114, provide his or her Social Security number as part of any application for licensure.
  - To be eligible for consideration for licensure, an applicant shall demonstrate in his or her application that he or she meets each and all of the requirements of the act including, but not limited to, those requirements set forth in W.S. 33-26-303, and these rules.
  - All applicants for physician licensure shall apply only through the F.C.V.S. and supply additional information as requested by the Board

Please visit [Board of Medicine Rules](#) for more information.